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**REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**COUNTY TREASURER**  
**AND OTHER**  
**OFFICERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 1977**

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### PHYSICIAN AT MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL

THOMAS F. O'CONNOR, M. D.	Winchester
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WILLIAM H. TATEM, M. D.	Walpole
Appointed Nov. 1, 1977	

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## MEMBERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

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### **DIST. NO. 1 — ALSTEAD, SURRY, WALPOLE, WESTMORELAND**

JAMES B. HOGAN	Walpole
ROBERT W. MOORE	Westmoreland
ROBERT L. GALLOWAY	Walpole

### **DIST. 2 — CHESTERFIELD**

ROBERT C. CALLAHAN

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ELMER L. JOHNSON	Winchester
ELIZABETH R. LADD	Winchester
WILLIAM H. FAUCHER	Hinsdale

### **DIST. 4 — FITZWILLIAM, RICHMOND**

DALEY E. WHIPPLE	Fitzwilliam
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### **DIST. 5 — SWANZEY**

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### **DIST. 6 — TROY**

WILLIAM R. MATSON

### **DIST. 7 — RINDGE**

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### **DIST. 8 — JAFFREY**

STEPHEN H. KRAUSE — ANNE B. GORDON

### **DIST. 9 — MARLBOROUGH, ROXBURY**

IRVIN H. GORDON	Marlborough
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### **DIST. 10 — DUBLIN, HARRISVILLE, NELSON**

PETER PARKER	Nelson
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### **DIST. 11 — GILSUM, MARLOW, STODDARD, SULLIVAN**

DANIEL A. EATON	Stoddard
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### **DIST. 12 — KEENE, WARD 1**

WILLIAM F. LYNCH — ZOE VRAKATITSIS

### **DIST. 13 — KEENE, WARD 2**

FRANCIS DOSTILIO — PATRICIA T. RUSSELL

### **DIST. 14 — KEENE, WARD 3**

TERRY WIGGIN — NANCY J. PROCTOR

### **DIST. 15 — KEENE, WARD 4**

ELMER H. CLOSE — THOMAS SLACK

THOMAS CHASE

### **DIST. 16 — KEENE, WARD 5**

JOAN TERRY — ANDREA A. SCRANTON

## CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION

### CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mrs. Andrea Seranton in the Court House, Keene, N. H., at 7:00 p.m. On the roll call, the following were present: R. Galloway, R. Callahan, E. Ladd, A. Marshala, A. Gordon, W. Lynch, P. Russell, N. Proctor, D. Whipple, Commissioner H. Savage and County Treasurer Warren Allen.

The purpose of the meeting:

"That the commissioners be authorized to borrow \$1,000,000.00 in anticipation of taxes."

The Executive Committee voted unanimously.

Mrs. Seranton asked for suggestions for executive committee meeting for hearings. She mentioned she would like to have, if possible, the budget passed by March.

Monadnock Welfare Council will review requests and submit their findings to Executive Committee. All were in favor, except Anne Gordon, opposed.

Commissioner Savage reported that there is a Community Assistance Program sponsored by Indian Head Bank. It is operated by International Systems (involved with federal government in processing grants). They would have one of their representatives review operations and search grants that might be available to the county. They would help and prepare grant and would follow through with the Washington, D. C., authorities and representatives. There is a cost for this program, 1% based on the cost of implementing grant. Any costs involved would be paid by the grant, fee is \$6,000.00 per year. Mrs. Seranton will look into matter with Indian Head Bank.

D. Whipple made motion, seconded by P. Russell that this matter be tabled for next executive meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk



## CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

County Court House, Keene, N. H.

Thursday, January 13, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Whipple at 7:35 p.m.

On roll call the following were present: J. Hogan, R. Galloway, R. Moore, Jr., R. Callahan, E. Johnson, E. Ladd, Wm. Faucher, A. Marshala, M. Ramsey, W. Matson, A. Fillback, A. Gordon, S. Krause, P. Parker, D. Eaton, W. Lynch, P. Russell, N. Proctor, T. Wiggin, E. H. Close, A. Scranton, J. Terry, Commissioners H. Savage and D. Adams.

News media present.

Chairman Whipple stated since all were mailed the clerk's minutes of the last meeting that they stand as printed unless there were objections and there were none.

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE: Rep. E. H. Close, Rep. Matson, P. Parker. That we adopt the rules as those of the N. H. House of Representatives and then refer to Mason's rules when necessary. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Whipple asked for a vote on having meetings evenings or days. — 8 in favor of days, 9 in favor of nights — meetings to be held evenings. Meetings to be held third Monday of each month, with the exception of February 14 as the 21st is a holiday. Majority in favor.

A. SCRANTON REPORTED APPROVAL OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE that the County Commissioners be authorized to borrow \$1,000,000.00 in anticipation of taxes. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING EXCLUDING NEWS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING EXCLUDING NEWS MEDIA: Report of the Court House Study Committee: P. Russell, R. Galloway, M. Ramsey, A. Fillback and E. H. Close:

P. Russell moved — "That the report of the Court House Study Committee be accepted as submitted and that the Committee and Commissioners be authorized to meet with the representatives of the city for the purpose of finalizing an agreement that will be an official document to be voted on by the City Council and County Delegation." Motion accepted as read.

A JOINT MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY DELEGATION COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE was held on December 15, 1976, and authorized

the Commissioners to submit the following proposal relative to the exchange of properties to the Mayor and members of the City Court House Committee: (1) — That the County sell the so-called Fuller Park Property to the City for \$1.00. (2) — That the city sell the so-called Winter Street Parking Area to the County for \$1.00, with the provision that the County lease for 20 years the area to the City with the exception of 20 spaces to be reserved for the county, with the understanding that the city will provide free parking to the jurors and to those persons doing business with the courts and various county departments. (3) — That the City reimburse the County the cost to acquire and demolish the so-called Bell and Bloomer properties.

P. Russell read amendment (2) again (with correction — see other sheet for proposals). Accepted unanimously by all present.

News media present for vote.

COURT HOUSE A HISTORICAL SITE — A. Gordon stated that there may be some funds available through National Historical Association for remodeling. Dave Proper is working on application to be submitted.

P. Russell made suggestion that the County Delegation hold some of its meetings in various towns and advertise the open meetings. Everyone agreed.

A. Scranton offered a resolution that there be a community analysis of social services. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Whiple appointed G. Marshala, Representative to New Hope-New Horizon, and P. Russell to Federal Money Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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#### CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Monday, January 17, 1977

Re: Meeting of City and County Representatives relative to remodeling and expanding the County Court House, Keene, N. H.



On Monday, January 17, 1977, the following representatives met at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Keene, N. H.

County: Chairman Daley E. Whipple, Commissioner Harold Savage, Rep. Robert Galloway, Rep. Armas W. Fillback, Commissioner D. Barrett, County Atty. Ed O'Brien, Assistant County Atty. Ted Parent.

City: Mayor George Rossiter, City Mgr. Peter Cheney, City Atty. C. Morang, Councilman Slanetz, Councilman Pelloquin.

Discussion :

Commissioner Savage mentioned that there would have to have some policy of policing the proposed parking area, zoning board ordinance, how many parking spaces for jurors, public doing business and legislators.

Mayor Rossiter mentioned county would have to agree to file legal domain agreement, if not city would file papers.

Commissioner Savage mentioned that a tender be made.

Atty. O'Brien — question of mechanics, working out legal technicalities.

Mayor Rossiter — Issue a bond for the construction costs for bond issue.

Atty. O'Brien — must have property before a bond issue.

D. Whipple — architect first, how long would it require (plan for 6 months to a year).

Atty. O'Brien — each party set up schedule. Architects plans and costs first. County vote for employing an architect and court house. Ask delegation to adopt some language. Proceeding to acquire property is lengthy. Delegation vote must be two-thirds. Agreement of principle, showing intent of both bodies to act in good faith — better than something being totally legal.

Mayor Rossiter — Should be clear ethically, reference to time for exchange of Bloomer property — city and county parking, etc.

Comm. Savage — Immediate negotiations — no delay, matter of parking.

D. Whipple — Delegation wants 20 spaces, sometimes delegation meets days, need 28 spaces.

Pelloquin — If we lose 20 spaces from 80, minus 35 — leave 40%. Commit 10 spaces reserved for that lot.



Mayor Rossiter — Start out with some alternative — perhaps start out with 10 spaces and later expand.

Comm. Savage — Asked Mayor Rossiter when council will meet again with County representatives.

Have another meeting of this group again. Date set for Friday, January 29, 1977, at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Rossiter — Agreed.

Rep. R. Galloway — Reasons for breaking lease for expansion, 20 years?

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

#### COURT HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE

Rep. Pat Russell  
Rep. R. Galloway  
Rep. M. Ramsey  
Rep. A. Fillback  
Rep. E. H. Close

#### CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Friday, January 28, 1977

Re: Meeting of city and county representatives relating to remodeling and expanding the County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire.

Present: County — P. Russell, M. Ramsey, A. Fillback, Comm. H. Savage, D. Whipple, R. Galloway, H. E. Close, Comm. D. Barrett, Atty. Edward O'Brien, Comm. David Adams. City — Mayor G. Rossiter, Atty. C. Morang, Councilman D. Pelloquin, Peter Cheney, Manager.

Commissioner H. Savage presented the first draft.

Para. #2 — City acquire property by reasonable negotiations.

D. Whipple — What happens if we do not get reasonable relocation costs.

P. Cheney — Then we pay, relocating, demolishing and cleaning property.

A. Fillback — word, reasonable has significance.

P. Cheney — Bell & Bloomer (26 tenants) acquisitions costs. What to pay, property, tenants and demolition.

D. Whipple — Leave out "reasonable". Strike out para. #3 (since the city will bear the costs).

Parking — Center Street, Winter Street, Middle Street, Court Street — 88 spaces.

Atty. O'Brien — Two jurors at one time — up to city to provide free parking.

Questions by Mayor Rossitor — If there is a jury what is it by law that the city is obligated to do?

#6 — Atty. Morang — make a separate agreement on parking spaces, in the Winter Street parking lot for use by the county and to include free parking for legislators. RSA-500-A: Members of County Delegation will be provided parking at no cost while attending county delegation meetings.

Page 3 — D. Adams, take one year for acquiring property and 3 years to build. It's time to expedite; it has been too long.

P. Cheney — Environmental problems? Zoning.

Atty. O'Brien — Can we contract?

P. Cheney — City can't predict, no one knows what can happen.

Atty. Morang — Provide some security for city investment, up until time county bids, county has Armory Street site.

Atty. O'Brien — May run into a problem with accreditation committee, board of adjustment, planning board.

H. Close — Both parties to have separate?

P. Cheney — take parking space problem to zoning board to clear through. There are external things that might happen.

M. Rossitor — Concern about city ordinance, etc., planning board.

#11 — will be revamped to be worked over by Atty. O'Brien and Atty. C. Morang, to be presented to City Council on Wed., February 2, 1977.

P. Cheney — if bids aren't awarded we do not have problems.

H. Savage — if bonds are issued before that time, no problem with County Delegation.

H. Close — take and revise last sentence, in para. #11.

M. Rossitor — leave last paragraph — simple, flexible.

H. Close — suggested arbitration.

D. Pelloquin — arbitrators, even number city and county.

Ed. O'Brien — would like to see city buy out lot on Armory Street.



Mayor Rossiter — County will have Bloomer property, etc., city will pay county for county property.

#11 — To be revamped by Atty. O'Brien and Atty. C. Morang.

Atty. O'Brien — #8 — to satisfy bond council

#3 — revised

#5 — strike out a portion

Attorneys to prepare a final draft to present to city council and if necessary, a special meeting with council and delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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February 14, 1977

The Committee appointed by the Chairman of the County Delegation to study special funding requests for Aid to Handicapped Children is pleased to submit the following report:

1. We met several times with Rep. Mallat, Vice Chairman of the Keene School Board; Charles Larracy, Assistant Superintendent of Supervisory Union #29; and James Haddock, Executive Director of New Hope-New Horizons. We have carefully reviewed enrollment figures, costs to towns and/or city and to the Supervisory Unions involved. Supporting New Hope-New Horizons is the least expensive way for all concerned to service these children and young adults.

2. In addition we have talked to the Directors of Mental Hygiene, members of the Department of Education, and members of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. In their collective opinion funding by the State will be minimal, or less than minimal for the coming biennium.

Although we have some reservations about the County being in the business of education, given the present condition of state funds, the Committee strongly recommends that the County Delegation continue to budget the requested monies to continue to provide these young people the tools they need to become productive, contributing citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Irvin Gordon

Patricia Russell

Andrea Scranton

## CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Monday, February 14, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Daley E. Whipple, Chairman.

Secretaries minutes of previous meeting had been mailed to all delegates.

The purpose of this meeting is as follows:

#1. To authorize the Commissioners to enter into an agreement with the City of Keene on the basis as outlined in a final draft of this document that has been provided to all members of the delegation.

#2. To see if the convention will vote to hold a scheduled meeting in one of the county towns on occasion.

#3. To consider any other matter that might legally be brought before the convention.

Present: J. Hogan, R. Galloway, R. Moore, Jr., R. Callahan, E. Johnson, E. Ladd, W. Faucher, A. Marshala, M. Ramsey, A. Fillback, A. Gordon, S. Krause, I. Gordon, D. Eaton, W. Lynch, Z. Vrakatitsis, P. Russell, F. Dostilio, N. Proctor, T. Wiggin, E. Close, T. Chase, T. Slack, A. Scranton, J. Terry, W. Matson. Commissioners H. Savage, D. Barrett, D. Adams.

Absent: P. Parker.

Commissioner H. Savage stated Article I authorized commissioners to enter with agreement with the City of Keene.

Rep. G. Marshala questioned Section Eleven, page 4, "This provision shall be binding on the parties forever . . . ."? County has three years, if not accomplished in that time, provision puts parties in the same position as in the beginning.

Rep. H. C. Close — From his point of view, take in consideration three major factors (1) Judicial facilities needed (2) Zoning regulations comply with city plans (3) Responsive to needs of taxpayers. Rep. Close congratulated the Chairmen and County Committee for a job well done.

Chairman Whipple asked for a vote on Article I. Vote of the Cheshire County delegation was unanimous.

A. Scranton submitted a report on the study for special funding requests for Aid to Handicapped Children. See at-



tached. Funding by state will be minimum. H. Close made motion report be accepted. It was seconded.

Chairman Whipple expressed his thanks to the Mayor of Keene, G. Rossiter and City Council members present. The Mayor stated that the vote on the "land swap" was unanimous at their first meeting and that tonight it was the same with the exception of three members who were absent.

The next meeting of the Cheshire County Delegation Executive Committee on the proposed budget for 1977 — on Friday, February 18, 1977.

Chairman Whipple distributed the following reports to the delegates: (1) "Amended Cheshire County Financial Statements, Twelve Months, Ended December 31, 1976, (2) County of Cheshire, New Hampshire, Auditors Report, Financial Statement and Footnotes at December 31, 1976, January 20, 1977 (3) County of Cheshire General Fund Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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#### CHESHIRE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING

Friday, February 18, 1977

The Cheshire County Executive meeting to review the 1977 County Budget was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by Chairman Andrea Scranton.

The following were present: Representatives Lynch, Gordon, Galloway, Whipple, Marshala and Scranton. Also Commissioners Savage, Barrett and Allen.

Changes were made in the budget as follows:

1. Sheriff's Department — total reduced to \$89,449.00. Two new cars will be leased at a cost of \$4,642.56 a year. Auto expense reduced to \$5,000.00.

2. Maintenance of Court House — total reduced to \$18,765.00. Reduce custodians salary to \$8,200.00. Reduce Insurance to \$1,633.00.

3. Increase Radio Communications to \$8,617.00.

4. Increase #9061 Interest to \$38,000.00.

5. Motion to hire an Executive Assistant to the Com-

missioners for \$12,000 was made by Rep. Lynch, seconded by Rep. Marshala — voted by Committee: not to add to budget but refer to entire delegation for action.

6. Considerable discussion as to whether the new nursing home should take private patients to help offset costs.

Committee recessed at twelve noon.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30. The following groups were represented: Cheshire Soil Conservation Program; Cooperative Extension Service; Council on Aging; New Hope-New Horizons; Monadnock Health & Welfare Council; Jaffrey-Rindge School District.

1. Jaffrey-Rindge has 2 children this year — to be funded at \$2,914.00.

2. On motion by Rep. Whipple, seconded by Rep. Gordon the following footnote was added to Page 12:

That the Council on Aging should make every effort to extend its homemaker service to all County towns within the next year in order to continue to receive spending.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea A. Scranton

### CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Thursday, February 24, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

RE: Public Hearing on the 1977 preliminary budget proposal for Cheshire County. Secretaries minutes mailed to all delegates.

Rep. Daley Whipple, Chairman, presided.

Present: Commissioners Harold Savage and David Barrett. Council on Aging — Mrs. Barbara Knicely, Executive Director. County Extension — Mr. James Ferguson and Mr. Merve Frink. Cheshire County Delegates: R. Galloway, R. Moore, Jr., R. Callahan, A. Marshala, W. Matson, S. Krause, Z. Vrakatitsis, P. Russell, F. Dostilio, N. Proctor, T. Wiggin, A. Scranton. Press — Hebet, Keene Sentinel.

Recommended by Commissioners — Increase of \$10,000 in Superior Court costs due to present trials.



The Commissioners proposed to draw from the Revenue Sharing Trust Funds a total of \$323,000.00 to be allotted as follows:

Board and Care .....	\$100,000.00
Direct Aid .....	\$45,000.00
Soldier Aid .....	\$10,000.00
Mutual Aid .....	\$58,000.00

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Total \$213,000.00

To be drawn from prior trust funds.

New Hope-New Horizons .....	\$30,000.00
Jail .....	\$33,000.00
Superior Court .....	\$10,000.00
Sheriff .....	\$10,000.00
County Extension .....	\$15,000.00
Council On Aging .....	\$12,000.00

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Total \$110,000.00

To be drawn from New Revenue Sharing Funds.

Cheshire County Delegation Meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 1977, at the County Farm in Westmoreland at 10:00 a.m.

**Purpose:**

1. To adopt the County Budget for 1977.
2. To see if the delegation will vote to require all plans submitted for recording in its Registry of Deeds shall be in specifications as stated in R.S.A. 478:13A.
3. To see if the delegation will vote to authorize the Commissioners to engage an architect to prepare plans for the renovation of the existing Court House and a new Superior Court addition. To draw from surplus an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for preliminary plans. Said funds from surplus to be replaced by proceeds from notes issued in anticipation of a bond issue, when authorization to bond the county has been voted.
4. To consider any other subject that may be legally brought before the convention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING  
Cheshire County Court House  
Keene, New Hampshire 03431  
Thursday, March 10, 1977

To the inhabitants of Cheshire County.

Purpose:

1. To see if the delegation will vote to authorize the Commissioners to engage an architect to prepare plans for the renovation of the existing Court House and a Superior Court addition.

2. To draw from surplus an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for Preliminary Plans, said funds from surplus to be replaced by proceeds from notes issued in anticipation of a bond issue, when authorization to bond the County has been voted.

The hearing was called to order by Chairman D. Whipple at 7:30 p.m. in the Court House, Keene, N. H.

Delegates present: R. Galloway, R. Moore, Jr., W. R. Matson, Z. Vrakatitsis, P. Russell, F. Dostilio, N. J. Proctor, T. L. Wiggin, T. Slack, J. E. Terry. H. E. Close was on leave. Commissioner D. Barrett. Mr. Harvey Bailey only public present. Two members of the press present.

The brief hearing which lasted about thirty minutes will now permit the County Commissioners to retain an architect and start preliminary design work. Fleck & Lewis Associates of Hanover will be the architects. They have designed the nearly-completed County Nursing Home.

Chairman Whipple appointed a nine-member building committee and Commissioner Barrett said suggestions from the group would be welcomed. The committee includes delegates from the first Court House study committee: B. Galloway, M. Ramsey, Anne Gordon, B. Lynch, P. Russell, E. Close, A. Seranton, A. Fillback, W. Faucher.

Commissioner Barrett stated that they have had bids open in the past and have come back to someone in the area to do the work. The architect has various designs to choose from.

Mr. Harvey Bailey, the only public member asked if the building behind the court house could be utilized as it is. Commissioner Barrett stated they would have to build on top, also add and it isn't feasible as it now stands.

B. Galloway asked if city had made any progress. Commissioner Barrett has been trying to contact P. Cheney, City Manager.

Hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk



## CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION MEETING

County Farm, Westmoreland, N. H.

Saturday, March 12, 1977

## Agenda:

1. To adopt the County Budget for 1977.
2. To see if the delegation will vote to require all plans submitted for recording in its Registry of Deeds shall be in the specifications as stated in R.S.A. 478:13 A.
3. To see if the delegation will vote to authorize the Commissioners to engage an architect to prepare plans for the renovation of the existing Court House and a new Superior Court addition. To draw from surplus an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for preliminary plans. Said funds from surplus to be replaced by process from notes issued in anticipation a bond issue, when authorization to bond the county has been voted.
4. To consider any other subject that may be legally brought before the convention.

## Note:

Secretaries minutes of meeting of February 14, 1977, have been mailed to all members of delegation and commissioners. Minutes approved as amended.

Chairman D. Whipple called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following members were present: J. Hogan, R. Galloway, R. Moore, Jr., R. C. Callahan, E. L. Johnson, A. Marshala, W. R. Matson, A. W. Fillback, A. B. Gordon, Irving Gordon, P. Parker, D. E. Eaton, W. Lynch, Z. Vrakatitsis, P. Russell, F. Dostilio, N. J. Proctor, T. L. Wiggin, T. Chase, T. Slack, A. A. Scranton, J. E. Terry. Commissioners H. Savage, D. Barrett, C. H. Waterman, Sheriff K. Lysitt, D. G. Adams. On leave: E. R. Ladd, W. H. Faucher — Town Meeting day. On leave: S. Krause, E. H. Close. Also present: Mr. S. Knapp, Monadnock Health & Welfare Council. The press was present.

The clerk read the call of the meeting and it is on file and part of these minutes.

Motion made by Bill Lynch and seconded to appoint at \$12,000 yearly, an assistant executive. The Committee to study this matter consisted of: E. Ladd, B. Lynch and A. Scranton.

Bill Lynch represented the study committee and submitted the following report:

E. Ladd has been in touch with other towns to find out if they had an executive assistant to the commissioners. From a poll that was taken, three or four counties have administrative assistants. A. Scranton interviewed commissioners regarding operations. B. Lynch feels since commissioners were only part-time employees, executive assistants would allow the duties to be performed, daily routine of office work or as project assigned. Daily activities and growing activities, services, federal and state funding programs need constant attention and work. Assistant is needed to augment daily work. The county is a big operation and a growing one. The assistant would review the budget with the towns, selectmen to keep abreast of state changes. The position would be non-elective and the assistant would manage the office properly. We do not have the man hours to do this.

Bill Lynch withdrew his motion asking for \$12,000.00 and made a motion for \$6,000.00. It was seconded.

D. Whipple ruled motion out of order because a public hearing had not been held.

There was a roll call vote on amended motion. — "Straw Vote", there were 9 yeas and 11 nays.

A. Scranton made a motion that mileage of Court House Building Committee be paid from delegation expenses. Seconded by A. Fillback.

A. Scranton mentioned that the building committee for nursing home had its mileage paid. Motion carried, all in favor.

Article #1 of Agenda:

Vote on budget as amended was unanimous.

To be drawn from Revenue Sharing Trust Funds a total of \$323,000.00 to be allotted as follows:

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Total \$110,000.00

To be drawn from New Revenue Sharing funds.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30 noon.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Whipple at 1:30 p.m.

Article #2 of Agenda:

Under R.S.A. 478:12 A, motion made to approve article regarding mylar paper for Register of Deeds office. All were in favor, motion carried.

Article #3 of Agenda:

Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

Article #4 of Agenda:

D. Whipple, Chairman, asked for volunteers for the disposal of the old nursing home. Committee to work with Monadnock Health & Welfare land commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Following adjournment Commissioner and Mrs. Waterman invited us to tour the new nursing home facilities. Commissioner and Mrs. Waterman were our hosts at the luncheon which was held at the County Nursing Home.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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## COUNTY COURT HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

Court House, Keene, N. H.

Friday, March 25, 1977

A meeting of the County Court House Building Committee was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Court House. This meeting was held with representatives from an architectural firm Fleck & Lewis, Hanover, New Hampshire.



Representatives of the building committee present: A. Fillback, B. Galloway, A. A. Seranton, E. H. Close. Commissioners H. Savage and D. Barrett. Architects Edward C. Lewis and Dick Burnham.

The architect talked about the Court House renovation and building plans of addition to present Court House. He realizes the problem of negotiating with the city. He will try to stay within existing lot of the parking area. The site plan was a preliminary to the preliminary. Mr. Lewis has taken into consideration the security measures for defendants, juries and judges. Mr. Lewis talked about "musical chairs" — difficult to remodel building while it is being occupied, paperwork of probate court and register of deeds offices. Mr. Lewis stressed importance of security facilities in the addition to the Court House. The new addition will be consistent with the old court house in harmony and compatability, it will be a brick structure. He has taken in consideration the greenery around the building. Mr. Lewis has consulted with Mr. McGill Gray, University of Illinois. Mr. McGill advises municipalities regarding building of court facilities. Next move is to ask for a topographical survey, also test of soil, etc.

When demolished, wants holes left, because he is particular about the kind of fill. The architect has old drawings of the Court House. Architect would like to reaffirm program and with agreement. Can be done in a joint session. In the preliminary report, Architect contacted Judge King. Demolition is not a problem. Problem is when can they start, would prefer to do it in the spring as it is a more orderly process. Won't do too much in old building until most of the work in the new addition is completed.

When bonds are issued, completing of work currently funded, architect will come back to delegation with estimate. Better to delay until we get into construction documents. Plans will be ready in six months. Architect will talk to department heads on a one to one basis and if there is anything significant will contact commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

CHESHIRE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING  
County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431  
Monday, March 28, 1977

To consider the following action to be taken by the Delegation:

1. Funding request by the Jaffrey-Rindge School District in the amount of \$2,914.00. Funds to be drawn from surplus.

2. To hire an Executive Assistant to the Commissioners to be funded in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be drawn from surplus.

The meeting was called to order in the Court House in Keene at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Daley E. Whipple.

Delegates had been mailed notice of this public hearing and the notice is part of these minutes.

Present: W. R. Matson, A. B. Gordon, S. Krause, W. Lynch, J. E. Terry. Commissioner H. Savage. Mr. Bob Arlin, Deputy Supt. of Schools, Jaffrey, N. H. The press. No one was present from the public.

Chairman Whipple announced that at the next meeting there will be a speaker on alcoholism and in the following month another speaker on legislation.

The Delegation Meeting will take place at the Civic Center, Jaffrey, N. H., on Monday, April 18, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion made and seconded to have public hearing adjourned. Time 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION MEETING  
Civic Center, Jaffrey, N. H.  
Monday, April 18, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the Civic Center, Jaffrey, New Hampshire by Chairman Daley E. Whipple. The following members were present: J. Hogan, R. Galloway, R. Moore, Jr., E. Ladd, A. Marshala, M. Ramsey, W. Matson, A. Fillback, A. B. Gordon, S. Krause, I. M. Gordon, D. Eaton, W. Lynch, P. Russell, F. Dostilio, N. Proctor, T. Wiggin, E. H. Close, T. Slack, T. Wiggin.

Present: Commissioners H. Savage and D. Adams; the news media.

The clerk has mailed minutes of the last public hearing of March 28, 1977, to all members of the delegation and minutes are on file, approved.

AGENDA:

1. To consider a request by the Jaffrey-Rindge School District in the amount of \$2,914.00. Funds to be drawn from Surplus.

2. To hire an Executive Assistant for the Commissioners and to fund in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be drawn from Surplus.

3. To consider any other matter that might legally be brought before the convention.

Chairman D. Whipple appointed the following committees: Mr. H. E. Close, Chairman of Court House Building Committee. Vice-Chairman Mr. Bob Galloway. Old County Farm Committee: Mr. R. Moore, Chairman assisted by: B. Callahan, E. Ladd, W. Matson, D. Eaton, N. Proctor, T. Wiggin, T. Slack.

Mr. Whipple expressed thank you in behalf of Cheshire County Delegation for the hospitality extended by A. Gordon and S. Krause for making arrangements for the meeting to take place at the Civic Center, Jaffrey.

Article I. — A. Gordon moved that \$2,914.00 be appropriated for the Jaffrey-Rindge School District, the funds to be drawn from surplus. Seconded by P. Russell. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Article II. — Motion made by Rep. Matson to indefinitely postpone Article II, seconded by Anne Gordon.

Discussion: The original idea, proposed by Rep. W. F. Lynch called for the county to raise \$6,000 or one-half of year's salary, to pay for an assistant office manager in the commissioners' office in the County Court House in Keene. The Study Committee, E. Ladd and A. Scranton, B. Lynch. The proposal was tabled but will return to the original study committee, which will consider making the planned administrator an "understudy" to county farm administrator C. Russell Waterman. The committee will work on a specific job description before the proposal comes up again in this fall.

G. Marshala asked how long can this indefinitely be postponed? Answer by Chairman Whipple: Until next annual



budget. Rep. Matson withdrew motion and so did Anne Gordon. Rep. H. Close moved Article II be passed. A roll-call vote was taken by indefinite postponement. Motion seconded by W. Matson, seconded by A. Gordon.

In favor of indefinite postponement for this year: W. Matson, Anne Gordon, J. Hogan, R. Galloway, R. Moore, A. Fillback, S. Krause, F. Dostilio, Z. Vrakatitsis.

Against indefinite postponement: E. Ladd, B. Lynch, A. J. Marshala, M. Ramsey, D. Eaton, I. Gordon, P. Russell, N. Proctor, T. Wiggin, J. Terry, T. Slack, E. H. Close.

The postponement motion lost 12 votes to 9.

A. J. Mareshala said that the timing was wrong especially for a divided delegation. The money would be coming out of surplus this year, so it wouldn't affect the tax rate, but it wouldn't be out of surplus next year. A. J. Marshala suggested a motion to send it back to committee for a more definite job description and Mrs. Ladd moved for tabling it until October. The Ladd motion passed unanimously.

Article III — Commissioner Savage asked for delegation opinion on hiring a cadet in the Sheriff's Department. The job description is for a temporary position for 7 weeks and will cost the county \$73.00. It was recommended this amount be drawn from surplus. There will be a Crime Commission meeting a week from Thursday. To approve the \$73.00 you need to have a public hearing. The cadet will receive \$732.00 from the Crime Commission fund. Can Sheriff Lysitt take the \$73.00 out of his appropriations? This matter was turned over to the County Delegation Executive Committee for handling. This cadet will fill in during vacation time in the Sheriff's Department.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire  
Monday, May 16, 1977

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday, May 16, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. at the Court House to review the budget of the County for the first quarter of 1977.

Rep. William Lynch presided in the absence of Rep. A. Seranton.

Present: R. Callahan, E. Ladd, D. Whipple, A. Gordon, Z. Vrakatitsis. Commissioners H. Savage and D. Barrett.

The budget was reviewed line by line. Comm. Savage said, in leasing two new cars, they will sell the old one and keep the other as a spare which will provide the Sheriff, using the old one as a pool car. Additional revenue to the county.

Grant withdrawn in Sheriff's Department, not now necessary for executive committee to budget \$75.00 for intern to cover vacation time in Sheriff's Dept.

The budget was discussed in regard to facilities available to all towns for Home-Health Care Program by Keene Council on Aging.

It was agreed to review this new quarter, prior to any payments. The rate per day at the old County Nursing Home is \$20.30 and at the new it will be \$25.88.

Motion made by E. Ladd and seconded by A. Gordon that the quarterly budget be approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Secretary

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#### CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING

L. O. B. Building, Concord, N.H.

Wednesday, June 1, 1977, at 1:15 P.M. — Room 301

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Whipple. Secretary did not have the minutes of last meeting as this was an impromptu one.

The dedication of the New County Nursing Home, Westmoreland, New Hampshire, has been postponed from June 18, 1977 to July 23, 1977, because the furniture, facilities will not be available for the opening, also patients must be in the home.

Report of P. Russell, Committee is that Hon. C. Spirou and Gov. M. Thomson, Jr. have accepted to be at the dedication, also that Hon. A. Jacobson, Hon. J. Blaisdell and Hon. R. Trowbridge may be able to attend.

At time of the dedication it was suggested that the public not visit the rooms occupied by the patients.

The County Delegation monthly meeting for June 20th has been postponed.

Present: D. Whipple, E. Ladd, B. Moore, J. Eaton, T. Wiggin, P. Russell, G. Marshala, B. Lynch, B. Callahan, A. Scranton, T. Chase, B. Galloway, S. Krause, N. Proctor, Z. Vrakatitsis.

Discussed: The position of the Court House Planning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Secretary

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### COURT HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Court House, Friday, July 8th, 1977, at 10:30 A.M.

Present: Harold Savage, David Barrett, David Adams, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Burnham, Bob Galloway, Hal Close, Daley Whipple, Bill Lynch, Andrea Scranton.

Mr. Lewis explained their suggested plans — the thinking behind them. They had visited three other County Court Houses with Judge King. Also worked with all department heads and sheriff.

Solar panels will be used to heat hot water. New Building will be air conditioned. Sheriff's Department will be insulated at back end of new building. Judges will use a separate staircase. Jury and defendants will use elevator on a staggered time schedule.

These was considerable discussion about maintaining old features of the interior as well as exterior i.e. doors, door frames, woodwork, windows.

Also type of windows in new structure, color of brick.

Renovation of old part:

14,000 ft. @ \$50 per sq. ft.

New structure:

24,122 ft. @ \$57

site improvement work

The committee voted unanimously to recommend favorably the architect's preliminary plans to the entire delegation.

Negotiations are underway between the city and one of the abutters.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANDREA A. SCRANTON, Clerk



## CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION MEETING

New County Farm Home, Westmoreland, New Hampshire

Saturday, July 23, 1977, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daley E. Whipple.

The following members were present: J. Hogan, R. Moore, Jr., R. Callahan, E. Ladd, A. Marshala, A. Fillback, S. Krause, I. W. Gordon, Z. Vrakatitsis, F. Dostilio, E. H. Close, T. Slack, J. Terry. Commissioners: Harold E. Savage, David A. Barrett, David G. Adams. Supt. & Mrs. Charles R. Waterman, Former Comm. Richard Louis, Architect Edward C. & Mrs. Lewis of Hanover, N. H. Mrs. Ruth McPhail, Atty. Charles Contas.

The purpose of the meeting.

1. To view and discuss with the architect schematic plans for the new court house facility.
2. Painting of County Farm buildings.
3. To act on any other matters that may legally come before the delegation.

Chairman Daley Whipple introduced Architect Lewis who proceeded to give those present a background of what has been happening. He met with the building committee on two occasions and with heads of departments of the Court House to "jell" down and refine programs needed. Met with Judge King and Atty. C. Contas, Clerk of the Court, also visited other county facilities in the company of Judge King.

The two facilities, old and new, will be linked with a glass corridor attachment, there will be an access from Winter Street and people will be able to enter from old to new and from new to old buildings. Floors are on the same level and line of the two structures.

First Floor — Register of Deeds, Commissioners Office, Clerk of the Court.

Second Floor — Two superior courts, both identical. There will be maximum security quarters, sealed from the public and limited to the spectators. The public will travel through the buildings vertically.

Second Floor — Probate Court. Back of two superior courts — quarters for judges, clerk of the court has space to be in touch with judges. Attorneys rooms and reporters.

Basement — Discarded connecting the basement of the old and new building because of costs. Lower level of building will be the probation department, staff lounge facilities. There will be facilities for delivering of persons, security rooms for delivery to court chambers. Will use judges and clerk benches (old ones) in probate clerk area. Worth of probation room windows discussed, pertaining to ones on South side towards central park. Cubicle, dome and railing on top to be maintained. Windows in new building are not like the ones in the old building because they are not needed. Don't need space, extra space is too costly. Heating of domestic hot water requirements will be by solar panels, can't do with all of the buildings.

Sheriff's Department — On lower level of new building. Attachment to buildings is lighted and airy.

County Parking Lot — Handicapped ramp entrance, back court controlled by clerk, judges chambers.

Cross section of new and old facility — attic space of old court house to be used for mechanical equipment.

Longitude section — Clerk and court area. Elevators. Waiting lobby and security court.

Mr. Whipple called upon Chairman of Building Committee, Hon. H. E. Close who mentioned committee had approved of the plans to date. Chairman Whipple took a poll on how delegation feels. Price set is on a footage basis, using a square foot costs. Will have detailed estimates. Architect Lewis mentioned since he began, the program has grown. Meeting with department heads on a one to one basis, program is justified. There is no "fat", but the needs are met but he hesitates if they will be met. Haven't changed costs per unit, just added footage. Deeds and Probate not in program at this time. Storage will be a problem, preservation on microfilm is another factor. There are problems with microfilm storage. Question is allowing for future growth, will accommodate another floor, potential for another floor. Judge King commented that the two court rooms are not enough. Hon. D. Dostilio asked for a target date. Comm. Savage mentioned that in one instance the city can't negotiate, does county have to be identified? Atty. O'Brien and Atty. C. Morang will work together on this. No identification made with Bloomer property. How long engineering drawing? At least 3 or 3½ months. Construction will cost approximately \$1.4 million and the renovation work about \$700.00, the rest of the \$2.2 million will pay for a contingency fund and improvements to the outside of the building.

Hon. G. Marshala asked if design is acceptable to City of Keene. Yes it is.

Chairman Whipple congratulated Architect Lewis on a job well done with the new County Home. D. Whipple asked for a vote: All delegates present voted in favor of the present plans and proceeding on a basis of present plans.

Article II — Comm. H. Savage stated that there is a manpower program that will provide money for two projects, total federal monies available \$52,000.00.

1. Conservation — trimming up woodlands and making fire roads.

2. Painting of barns and farm buildings at County Farm.

Hon. J. Terry made motion to move to authorize we accept money, seconded by Hon. A. Fillback.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.

The secretaries minutes were dispensed with as they had been mailed to all delegates.

Following the meeting the ceremonies for the dedication of the New County Nursing Home took place. Attached is copy of program.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Secretary

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### CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

New County Home, Westmoreland, New Hampshire  
Wednesday, August 17, 1977

Ms. A. Scranton, Chairman of Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the New County Home, Westmoreland, N. H.

Those present were: R. Galloway, E. Ladd, A. B. Gordon, Z. Vrakatitsis, N. Proctor, Chairman D. Whipple, A. Marshala. Commissioners: Waterman, Barrett, Adams and Savage.

Purpose of the meeting was to review the Cheshire County Financial Budget on the operation of the County up to June 30, 1977, and to consider any other matters that might be brought before the committee.



Revenue Income. Comm. H. Savage reviewed the revenue income — the New County Home has about 90 patients to date, by end of year it will be at least 100. The new rate per day is now \$30.00 instead of \$20.00.

Other revenue income is derived from the increase of fees in the Register of Deeds office which took effect July 1, 1977. Farm receipts are up. Interest earnings from borrowing for anticipation. Question of taxes — money will last until middle of September. May have to borrow until tax money is received. There is no contingency fund. Problem area — employees on state retirement — not projected properly — may be over 7-8 thousand dollars over what projected because of additional employees. However, interest will provide for excess spending. Amount over and above budgeted for County Budget.

Recommendations. Because of crime and cases unsolved due to Wilson's trial case, the phone bills have risen. It has been suggested that a "Watts" line be considered for the purpose of saving on telephone bills. It was also mentioned that more letters be written to save money.

New County Home. Comm. Waterman mentioned that close to 40 people have been added to the staff since the dedication. Lots of applications, turnover greater, one out of 4 become permanent employees. Private patients are being taken, six from the N. H. State Hospital. G. Marshala mentioned that regulations require occupancy must be up to 85% in order to qualify for matching federal funds.

Energy Question. Safety lights have to be on 24 hours daily, under new safety code requirements.

Jail. Can handle up to 42 inmates, due to DWI's jail has been busy.

E. Ladd made motion budget be accepted and seconded by G. Marshala, all present in favor.

New Business. Commissioner Adams mentioned that B. Callahan asked to sell old radios, wants authority to sell and put money into Crime Commission Fund to be used for matching funds to purchase monitors for Sheriff's Department which monitors State Police activities. Amount comes up to \$125.00. N. Proctor made motion seconded by G. Marshala for approval of transaction for sale of radios. All present were in favor. This matter has to be brought up at another meeting because public notice has to be made to spend public funds not already projected in budget.

N. Proctor asked about Old County Farm Building use. Comm. Savage spoke to Chairman Bob Moore. Possibility of apartments for elderly, Town of Westmoreland would have to approve for such a facility, also may be able to obtain HUD monies for such a project. D. Whipple asked for a joint Committee of Executive Committee and Old County Farm Building Committee meet. Comm. Adams stated Chairman B. Moore was waiting for Health & Welfare input.

D. Whipple made motion that meeting be adjourned, seconded by E. Ladd.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Secretary

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CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE AND OLD COUNTY FARM STUDY  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Westmoreland, New Hampshire

Thursday, August 25, 1977

The meeting was held in the conference room of the New County Nursing Home, Westmoreland, N.H., Rep. Robert Moore, Chairman of the Old County Farm Study Committee presided.

Present: R. C. Callahan, E. R. Ladd, D. E. Whipple, Z. Vrakatitsis, T. Slack. Commissioners: Waterman, Savage, Adams. Mr. Steve Knapp, Executive Director of Monadnock Health & Welfare, Keene.

The purpose of this meeting was to inspect the structure and to discuss possible future use by the County Committees — of the old County Nursing Home.

The Old County Farm Study Committee is as follows: R. Moore, Chairman; R. Callahan, E. R. Ladd, W. Matson, D. Eaton, N. Proctor, T. Wiggins, T. Slack.

Chairman Moore suggested use could be made of facilities vacated, all those present inspect and look over buildings for a first-hand analysis.

Mr. Steve Knapp had not done a study of the physical situation, needed to do this to begin a process for County Delegation Committees and Commissioners to focus their in-

terest, talked about an architectual study of buildings, social service problem is location, possibility for senior citizens office building, perhaps on some specific issues.

Comm. Waterman — Personnel and Comm. and Mrs. Waterman living in one of the old buildings. Dormitory building foundation settled in 1950, considered unsafe to use, however structurally sound according to a study committee. Other counties have torn down old buildings, others have remodeled. Suggested committees go through buildings and review. Look at physical part of old buidings before making a commitment.

Main building was built between 1910 and 1918. Dormitory building was built in 1898. Little building in back, originally housed correction facilities. Main building was built in 1860.

Buildings are old and construction is old. Need is for storage space which is not in the new County Nursing Home facilities. Suggested cutting off the heat and draining of pipes in old buildings that are not in use. Boilers have been in for 20 years, had boiler inspection yesterday, tubes in excellent shape, doors need repairs.

Comm. Adams — Concurs with Comm. Waterman, tear down most of old buildings. Annex — new part could be used for office space, suggestions for Council on Aging and Home Maker Programs, also Extension Service Offices.

Chairman Moore — Asked for recommendations and comments, immediate problem cutting off heat, draining pipes of buildings not in use.

After exchanging ideas and comments, the committees toured the old buildings from basement to top floors of each one. Mention was made of fire regulations and meeting fire standards in old facilities, sprinkler system, etc. Handicapped ramp, for old facilities if maintained.

New Jail — Is self-contained.

Mention of selling of old beds, furniture and other equipment which remains in old buildings.

Comm. Adams — Asked for authority from Executive Committee to sell beds to purchase a gazebo for the New Nursing Home. One old building now in use is for storing the vegetables which are raised on the farm because the New County Nursing Home does not have enough freezer storage space. If this old building is torn down, storage space will be needed at the New County Nursing Home.



Comm. Waterman and Mr. Steve Knapp suggested Executive Committee and Old County Nursing Home Committee send in suggestions and recommendations to all members of the delegation regarding the heating of the old buildings and facilities still in use, within two weeks and any information on housing possibilities. Also selling of furniture, equipment, perhaps an auction? Reserve bid for non-profit organizations?

Next meeting to be held Thursday, September 8, 1977, at the County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Secretary

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CHESHIRE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE  
DELEGATION MEETING

County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire  
Monday, September 12, 1977

Chairman Daley E. Whipple, presided.

Present: J. Hogan, R. C. Callahan, Elmer L. Johnson, E. R. Ladd, A. J. Marshala, M. Ramsey, W. R. Matson, A. W. Fillback, P. Parker, W. Lynch, Z. Vrakatitsis, P. Russell, F. Dosilio, N. J. Proctor, T. L. Wiggin, E. H. Close, A. A. Scranton, J. E. Terry. Commissioners: H. Savage, D. Adams, Architect, Mr. Lewis, of Fleck & Lewis. The press was present.

The following articles were considered:

1. To see if the Delegation will vote to authorize the County Attorney to institute any and all legal proceedings necessary to acquire by eminent domain the land and buildings owned by Ernest L. Bell III and Margaret Bell located at 10 Center Street, Keene, N. H., and the land and buildings owned by Carl Bloomer and/or Bloomer & Hazelton, Inc., located on Winter Street, Keene, N. H., all in accordance with an agreement with the City of Keene, dated the 19th day of February, 1977 relative to the acquisition of land for an addition to the present Cheshire County Court House.

Motion made by R. C. Callahan, seconded by P. Russell that the County Attorney be hereby authorized to institute any and all legal proceedings necessary to acquire by eminent domain, the land and buildings owned by Ernest L. Bell III and Margaret Bell located at 10 Center Street, Keene, N. H. and the

land and buildings owned by Carl Bloomer and/or Bloomer & Hazelton, Inc., located on Winter Street, Keene, N. H., all in accordance with an agreement with the City of Keene dated the 18th day of February, 1977 relative to the acquisition of land for an addition to the present Cheshire County Court House. All delegates present voted in favor, and the motion was carried. H. Close has papers stating the cost to be paid by the City of Keene, regarding eminent domain proceedings.

2. To adopt a budget for the year 1977 in the amount of \$2,768,126.00, \$1,263,022.00 to be raised by taxes assessed the City and Towns and \$1,505,104.00 by estimated revenue.

Motion made by P. Russell, seconded by E. Ladd that the County of Cheshire adopt a budget for the year 1977 in the amount of \$2,768,126.00, \$1,263,022.00 to be raised by taxes assessed the City and Towns and \$1,505,104.00 by estimated revenue. All delegates present voted in favor and the motion was carried.

3. To see if the Delegation will vote to rescind previous action taken, scheduling monthly meetings in the various towns of the county. H. Close made motion that the Chairman of the Delegation, D. E. Whipple call the meetings of time and place, seconded by A. Fillback. All delegates present voted in favor, motion carried.

4. To view final plans for the new Court House facility and to consider estimated costs.

Architect Edward C. Lewis of Hanover stated the figure includes a built-in inflation factor of 7 per cent with construction to start in the spring. The sum includes \$2,237 million in construction costs and the rest for architect's fees and funds for furnishings. The additions will house a sheriff's office, law library, superior court room and suite for the clerk of court. Also, the existing building will be repaired and offices will be renovated. D. Whipple said the hold-up is the tenants who occupy the Bloomer property. By law, they have 90 days to relocate. After that the County can proceed.

N. Proctor asked about conservation factors. Lewis said his firm had designed the new buildings and solar collectors and planned to insulate the attic and walls of the old building to prevent heat loss.

H. Close made motion, seconded by P. Parker that the Convention vote to accept the Court House plans prepared by the architect and hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of N. H. RSA Chapter 33:10, to consider the issuance of bonds

in the amount of \$2,600,000.00 to provide for the renovation of the present court house, addition of a new court facility, and for the purpose of equipment, furnishings and related facilities incidental thereto, and to hear public comment on the design of a new court facility and the renovated court house. All delegates present voted in favor, motion carried. This was a roll call vote. Chairman D. Whipple will call a public hearing and notify the press to the effect.

5. To hear report of the County Farm Study Committee.

Rep. Robert T. Moore, told the delegation his study committee favors an eventual housing project for the elderly in buildings vacated this summer when patients moved to a new county nursing home. Some of the buildings are in pretty bad shape and it might be cheaper to tear them down. However, the committee favors an "engineering study" which will give the actual condition of the buildings and their potential, if any. The cost of the study is about \$1,000.00 and Architect Lewis can provide that service. The consensus of the Commissioners favor remodeling or demolishing. Thinking in terms of federal housing program, Federal Grant will provide 100% matching funds. Federal people want an engineering study by professional engineer.

W. Lynch, head of the Keene Housing Authority, warned the delegates that HUD doesn't even know if there will be any rehabilitation money for next year and even if there is, you have to go up for bid for any plans you get accepted. Said a private construction firm could bid against the county to do the project. He suggested a shared-home program along the lines of the Heller Home in Keene, where federal money subsidizes the support of residents on a "per day fee basis." The share home accommodation would house the emotional and physical handicapped but doesn't require professional people with training to distribute medications.

R. Callahan suggested a study be done first to consider the conditions of the buildings or potential, then consult the Westmoreland Zoning Board.

D. Whipple said a professional study is probably necessary but aside from the old hospital building itself, the other buildings are in bad shape. The oldest building is about the time of 1860. He suggested salvaging the old hospital building and remodeling to house the offices of the Cheshire County Extension Service.



P. Parker suggested a half-way house, saying the residents would be involved in on-the-job training and rehabilitation center. It is too isolated for elderly people as far as activities.

Rep. Hogan asked Architect Lewis about the buildings. Lewis is not familiar with old buildings, needs preliminary investigation.

G. Marshala made motion to put \$1,000.00 in budget to allow commissioners to have Architect Lewis conduct engineering study, to be drawn from unincumbent funds, seconded by B. Callahan. All delegates voted in favor except E. Johnson. There will be a public hearing to ask for \$1,000.00 approval for study.

6. To consider any other matters that are legally brought before the convention.

B. Callahan asked that the matter of radio monitors be brought up to the public hearing.

The following to be considered at a public hearing to be held Tuesday, October 10, 1977.

1. Bond issue.
2. Professional engineering study, cost about \$1,000.00.
3. State police monitors for sheriff's department.

J. Terry made motion meeting be adjourned, seconded by P. Parker.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Secretary

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## CHESHIRE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

Court House, Keene, New Hampshire

Tuesday, October 11, 1977, at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Daley E. Whipple, presided.

Present: J. Hogan, R. Galloway, R. C. Callahan, A. J. Marshala, W. R. Matson, A. W. Fillback, S. Krause, W. Lynch, Z. Vrakatitsis, P. Russell, N. J. Proctor, E. H. Close, A. A. Seranton, J. E. Terry. Commissioners: H. Savage, D. Barrett, D. Adams. Atty. Charles Contas, Clerk of Superior Court; Atty. Ernest Bell and Atty. Kenneth J. Arwe. The Press.

The purpose of the public hearing was pursuant to the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 33:10 relative to authorization and issuance of county

bonds and other provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated relative to notice of hearing, you are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held at the Cheshire County Court House in Keene, New Hampshire at 7:30 p.m. on October 11, 1977, to consider the following articles:

Article I: — Shall the County Commissioners be authorized to borrow an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.00 pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 28:23-24 and the Municipal Finance Act for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Superior Court House including facilities for the Clerk of Courts and Sheriff's Department in the City of Keene on the so-called Bell and Bloomer Properties and to renovate the present County Court House to provide facilities for the Probate Court, Register of Probate, Register of Deeds, Assistant County Attorney, County Welfare, Commissioners and Probation Department.

Three lawyers, Atty. H. Close, Atty. Bell and Atty. Arwe were the speakers at the public hearing on Article I and all three endorsed the project. Rep. E. H. Close who is an attorney, presented a resolution from the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Keene, calling for changes in the architect's plans to allow preservation of historic parts of the court house. Atty. Arwe stated the plans drawn by Architect Edward C. Lewis of Hanover are "excellent" and favored the project. Atty. Bell referred to his twenty-five years as a Keene lawyer and was in support of the renovation of the Court House. Atty. Bell stated that "Atty. Charles Contas, Clerk of the Superior Court, had too large a docket already for the number of judges available to us." "Justice has to be served and these facilities are limiting the quality of how well we can dispense that justice. It wouldn't be before long when a Superior Court Judge would be assigned here."

Commissioners H. Savage, D. Barrett and D. Adams are all in favor of the Court House Project and mentioned it is significant to downtown Keene, also to retain at least a portion of the Court Room interior.

Chairman Whipple asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak for or against Article I — or if there were any questions. There were none.

Article II: — Shall the County Commissioners be authorized to expend the amount of \$231.00 for the purchase of four monitors for the Sheriff's Department under a Crime Commission Grant, said amounts to be drawn from surplus.

Rep. Robert C. Callahan spoke in favor of a request to spend \$231.00 for communications improvements for the Cheshire County Sheriff's Department. Callahan is also chief coordinator of Southwestern N. H. Fire Mutual Aid, the major dispatching center for emergency services in southwestern New Hampshire and areas of Massachusetts and Vermont. The \$231.00 is 25 per cent of the purchase price of four monitors linking radio communications between the two law enforcement agencies. The remaining 75% of the cost will be paid by a federal grant distributed by the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency. State police radios operate on low band and town and county police operate on high band frequencies. For years, lack of direct communication among cruisers severely hampered law enforcement efforts.

No one spoke against the request.

Article III: — Shall the County Commissioners be authorized to hire an engineer to inspect and report as a result of a study the condition of the vacated County Nursing Home buildings at a cost of \$1,000.00, this amount to be drawn from surplus.

Rep. Moore, Chairman of Old County Nursing Home Committee "stated his committee favors renovation and remodeling of the vacated buildings for an elderly housing project, but it is possible it might be cheaper just to tear them down and start fresh." Other county delegation members have suggested different uses for the buildings including a half-way house, a shared home for the emotionally and physically handicapped. Fleck and Lewis, Architects have offered to conduct the study. No other comments were made against this Article. Commissioner H. Savage indicated that the delegation was in agreement and according to the statutes this matter had to be brought before a public hearing.

Chairman Whipple declared the public meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

NOTE: G. Marshala, Vice-Chairman of the Cheshire County Delegation made an announcement of a meeting to be held by Supervisory Union School District #29, at Central Junior High School, Keene, New Hampshire on Wednesday, October 12, 1977, at 7:30 to meet with members of the Cheshire County Delegation. Area School Officials would like to ask Legislators to get Their Opinions on State Issues.



CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Tuesday, November 15, 1977, at 9:30 a.m.

Rep. William Lynch, Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee presided.

Present: D. E. Whipple, P. Russell, N. Proctor, A. J. Marshala, E. Ladd, R. Galloway, Z. Vrakatitsis, R. C. Callahan.  
Commissioners: H. Savage and D. Adams.

Purpose of meeting was for the reviewing of the third quarter report of the Cheshire County operations, nine months ending Sept. 30, 1977.

On Page 3 — Discussion on Insurance and Workmen's Compensation. Comm. Savage stated that due to more people qualifying for the retirement program this required an increase in the premiums paid which were not budgeted. Also, the workmen's compensation premiums were under-budgeted.

On Page 5 — County Attorney's Office. Communications account was questioned by Mr. Callahan and Comm. Savage reported he made a survey of toll calls expense and found they were not excessive. A "Watts Line" was looked into and the amount of calls was less than the "minimum amount charge" for the "Watts." The cost is approximately \$850.00 for the nine months.

Maplewood Nursing Home. Comm. Savage stated that the first year of operation was difficult to budget, however, at this time the expenditures are \$15,000 under budget. It is hoped that this account will show an \$80,000 surplus at year end, but this is dependent on the census of the hospital. Commissioner Savage requested the executive committee for a motion to transfer unexpended funds from one account to another, motion was not accepted by Chairman Lynch as commissioners now have this authority under statute.

After reviewing each line item — Motion made by E. Ladd to accept budget, seconded by P. Russell. All present, voice voted, in favor.

Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

## CHESHIRE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING

County Court House, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Monday, November 28, 1977, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Harold Savage; Rep. Zoe Vrakatitsis, Dist. 12, Ward 1, Keene; Keene Evening Sentinel Press.

The Public Hearing was held at the Court House relative to the proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. The hearing was held by the County Commissioners for the purpose of receiving suggestions either written or oral from inhabitants of Cheshire County on possible uses of Revenue Sharing Funds that will be available to the County in 1978.

This year the County Delegation apportioned \$323,000.00 in federal revenue sharing funds for welfare (\$155,000.00), Southwestern N. H. Fire Mutual Aid \$58,000.00, law enforcement \$53,000.00, New Hope-New Horizons, Inc., and Keene Regional Council on Aging (Now Cheshire County Services) \$42,000.00 and education \$15,000.00.

Funds for next year are expected to be apportioned similarly. It's just that there will be one-third as much money.

No one else was present, no written requests received.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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CHESHIRE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING  
ON COUNTY BUDGET

In the Court Room of the County Court House, Keene, N. H.

Monday, December 12, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Daley E. Whipple, Chairman.

Present: Mr. Kenneth Colby, Pres. Cheshire Senior Services (Formerly Keene Council on Aging); Mrs. Barbara Knicely, Director, Cheshire Senior Services; Mr. Harry J. Bennett, Cheshire County Soil Conservation Dist., Richmond, N. H.; Mr. John Ferguson, Extension Service; Mr. Calvin L. Frink, Extension Service; Ms. Sandra Swift and Mr. Tom Christiansen, Cheshire County Conservation District; Mr. Steve Knapp, Dir. Monadnock Health & Welfare; The Sentinel Press; Ms. Doris Hohmann, Welfare Dept. for County; Sheriff

Kenneth Lysitt, Cheshire County; Commissioners Harold Savage, Dave Barrett; Rep. R. C. Callahan; Rep. A. A. Scranton.

The public hearing is on the Cheshire County Budget proposed for nine months ended Sept. 30, 1977, and proposed budget for 1978. D. Whipple called for Commissioner Savage to speak:

Sheriff's Dept. — Commissioner Harold Savage spoke in regard to a proposal under which another cruiser would be rented for the Sheriff's Dept. One car is now 4 years old and is costly to repair. Page 8 of Budget, Line 88, \$6,392.00 amount will include the cost of the cruiser rental. Pay raise of personnel in Sheriff's Dept., the only other line item that varied this year.

Public Welfare — Page 12. Com. H. Savage referred to the Legislation enacted into law, H.B.1024, "Applying the settlement law to municipal contributions for old age assistance and aid to the permanently and totally disabled." This law governs liability of the County for accepting people under catagories. Under revised laws, persons in this category will lose their settlement after a year and town will have to support costs. Law took effect Aug. 30, 1977, but impact won't be felt until 1978 in the fall. County will have 4 months' liability. Over 100 people may become county charges and Mr. Savage doesn't know how many will be from surrounding towns, County pays 50%. Cost will be substantial considering number of people involved.

Soldier's Aid — Page 12, Line 57. Legislature changed laws, if a person gets 365 days continuous days of assistance from town, person automatically becomes a county charge, to new law which states if over a period of years, 365 days are accumulated, person can become a county charge.

The biggest increase proposed in the budget is for the County Farm and Home, followed by public welfare assistance, in county administration costs, mostly for retirement and insurance benefits for county employees.

Page 12, Line Item 61. Mr. Kenneth Colby, Pres. of Cheshire Senior Services requested an increase from \$8,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for 1978. This group plans to take over a county-wide homemaker-home health aid program which has been previously directed by the Keene Visiting Nurses Association and needs \$14,000.00 matching funds, plus \$6,000.00 to pay for direct services to indigent elderly persons living in Cheshire County.



Mr. H. Savage informed Mr. Colby there will be a meeting of the executive committee and Mr. Colby and Mrs. B. Knicely can present their recommendations on that date.

Recommendation by Harold Savage that the budget be cut by 10%.

After the first of the year the Commissioner will know more as the County Accountant has been working with Commissioner Waterman on the formula regarding patients.

Page 12, Lines 29 and 59. Mr. Steve Knapp, New Hope-New Horizons, Inc. & Monadnock Health & Welfare. Mr. Knapp is requesting the same amount of funds as last year, however, there has been an increase in the workshop activity. Chairman D. Whipple asked for a breakdown of their budget.

Requested funds for Health & Welfare as of last year.

Page 12, Line 56. Ms. Doris Hohmann. Biggest increase has been in intermediate nursing home care category — has doubled in past four years and in the new nursing home, it has tripled.

Sheriff Lysitt asked to speak. Page 8, Line Item 3. His deputies are working 7 days a week and after 5:00 p.m. He has kept track of the overtime and it comes to 480 hours — would like an appropriation for a flat rate amounting to \$2,500.00 for 500 hours of overtime. This will be added to the salaries of his deputies for their overtime. Chairman D. Whipple said he would take this matter under consideration.

Mr. Harry Bennett — C. C. Conservation District, asked to speak — Page 2. He asked for appropriation of \$2,500.00. He has sent information to the County Delegation. He also mentioned that his office has received a Certificate of Merit Award for their efforts last year. His office is open every day and some constituents have to travel quite a distance to present their problems.

Mr. John Ferguson — Cheshire County Extension Services, Page 2. Mr. Ferguson asked to speak and reported that he has 5 agents and 2 secretaries in his office. Increase in his budget has been mostly due to salary increases.

Chairman Whipple asked if anyone else wished to speak for or against budget — there weren't any more.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

A meeting of the executive committee has been scheduled for December 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' office for the purpose of authorizing the Commissioners to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the year 1978.

CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION  
EXECUTIVE MEETING

Court House, Keene, New Hampshire, In Commissioners' Office  
Monday, December 19, 1977, at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Andrea A. Scranton called meeting to order.

Present: P. Russell, R. C. Callahan, E. Ladd, D. Whipple, A. Marshala. Z. Vrakatitsis arrived late. Commissioner Harold Savage; Warren G. Allen, Treasurer.

Purpose of meeting to authorize the County Commissioners to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the year 1978, for \$1,200,000.00.

All delegates present, voted in favor, with exception of Z. Vrakatitsis who arrived late but was in favor of proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ZOE VRAKATITSIS, Clerk

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REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizens of Cheshire County:

In keeping with the statutes of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners present their annual report for the year 1977.

The year just ended, certainly, is one of accomplishment for the County of Cheshire.

Additional improvements made necessary by statutory requirements and judicial orders to our detention center rates our jail and House of Correction one of the finest county facilities in New Hampshire. Kevin Gordon was promoted to head guard earlier in the year and has done a commendable job in supervising its operation.

A major accomplishment this year was in resolving the impasse associated with the Court House. City officials cooperating with county representatives finalized an agreement under which the county could take the Bell and Bloomer property by eminent domain and the city would pay all costs involved in exchange for the Fuller Park property.

Our architect, Edward C. Lewis of Fleck and Lewis, Hanover, N.H., was hired to prepare plans for construction of a new Superior Court building and renovation of the present Court House.

In October the delegation voted to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$2,600,000 for construction and renovation purposes.

On July 23 the new nursing home in Westmoreland was dedicated providing 150 beds for our elderly citizens. In the year just ended 125 patients were enjoying the new facilities.

To improve and facilitate the processing of records a Phillips Accounting Machine was purchased. This machine processes all checks which is a tremendous time saver.

After many years in the Commissioners Office Mrs. Ina Clark retired in December. She was the loyal and dedicated mainstay of our office. When it came to accounting no challenge was too great for her to solve. Her reports and records were always A-1. We will, indeed, miss her. We wish her many happy years in her retirement.

It is also our thought to acknowledge the contributions, gifts, and deeds by many groups and individuals for the happiness and comfort provided our senior citizens at Maplewood Home.

The cooperation of Administrator and Mrs. Waterman and that of all county officials is greatly acknowledged by the Commissioners.

Respectfully,

HAROLD E. SAVAGE  
DAVID A. BARRETT  
DAVID G. ADAMS



**JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY****Accountants and Auditors**

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February 2, 1978

Board of County Commissioners

County of Cheshire, New Hampshire

County Court House

Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Gentlemen:

We have examined the financial statements of the various funds of the County of Cheshire, New Hampshire, for the year ended December 31, 1977. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of such funds of the County of Cheshire, New Hampshire at December 31, 1977, and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. CONNORS

Certified Public Accountant

JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUNDS**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977**

	General Fund	Capital Projects Bond Fund	Capital Reserve Funds	Hemeway Fund	Crime Control Commission	Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	Plant Fund	General Long-Term Debt
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash	\$ 16,949	\$403,287	\$54,836	\$1	\$199	\$54,499		
Accounts Receivable	182,614	1,200						
Advances to Capital Projects								
Bond Fund	145,256							
Property, Plant and Equipment							\$5,070,670	
Amount Required to be Raised in the Future for Retirement of Debt								\$4,665,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$344,819</b>	<b>\$404,487</b>	<b>\$54,836</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$199</b>	<b>\$54,499</b>	<b>\$5,070,670</b>	<b>\$4,665,000</b>
<b>Liabilities, Contributions and Fund Balances</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Accounts Payable	\$85,205	\$ 11,115						
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations	5,323							
Accrued Expenses	29,338							
Advances from General Fund		145,256						
Bonds Payable								\$4,665,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>119,866</b>	<b>156,371</b>						<b>4,665,000</b>
<b>Contributions</b>								
Cheshire County In Aid to Construction						\$	\$ 893,451	
Total Contributions							205,426	
<b>Fund Balances</b>							1,098,877	
	224,953	248,116	54,836	\$1	\$199	\$54,499	3,971,793	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$344,819</b>	<b>\$404,487</b>	<b>\$54,836</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>\$199</b>	<b>\$54,499</b>	<b>\$5,070,670</b>	<b>\$4,665,000</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1977

### Assets

#### Cash

Commissioners' Office Checking Account,	
Regular	\$3,189
Superior Court Checking Account	890
Fire Mutual Aid	389
County Extension Service	3,308
Maplewood Checking Account	6,866
Indian Head National Bank,	
Savings Account	1,857
Sheriff's Department Petty Cash	200
Register of Deeds Petty Cash	50
Maplewood Petty Cash	200

Total Cash	\$16,949
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#### Accounts Due the County

Register of Deeds	\$9,166
Town Taxes	10,900
Other	3,430
County Nursing Home	159,118

Total Receivables	182,614
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Advances to Capital Projects Bond Fund	145,256
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$344,819
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### Liabilities and Fund Balance

#### Accounts Payable

Commissioners' Office	\$60,485
Westmoreland Facilities	24,720

Total Accounts Payable	\$85,205
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#### Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations

Fire Mutual Aid	\$389
County Extension Service	3,308
Anti-Recession Funds	1,626

Total Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	5,323
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**Accrued Expenses**

Payroll Taxes	\$29,289	
Payroll Deductions	49	
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Total Accrued Expenses		29,338

**Fund Balance**

Commissioners' Office	\$105,694	
Westmoreland Facilities	119,259	
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Total Fund Balance		224,953

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		<hr/>
		\$344,819

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE**

Revenue	Actual
Taxes, Cities and Towns	\$1,263,022
Nursing Home	828,629
Farm	112,450
Board and Care, Prisoners	260
Reimbursement for Aid:	
Board and Care of Children	701
Old Age Assistance and Direct Aid	1,744
Dependent Soldiers	60
Sheriff's Department:	
Gas Tax Refund	132
Fees Collected	23,185
Register of Deeds	92,809
Miscellaneous	533
State Reimbursement, Bond	5,846
Fire Mutual Aid	23,996
Fines and Forfeits, Superior Court	2,172
Interest	69,038
State Reimbursement, Crime Control Grant	20,070
Federal Revenue Sharing	323,000
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Total	\$2,767,647
Fund Balance Used to Reduce 1977 Appropriation	145,979
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,913,626
<b>Disposition of Revenue</b>	
Used to Meet Commissioners' Office Expenses	\$1,187,405
Transferred to Westmoreland Facilities	1,726,221
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,913,626

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

<b>Commissioners' Office</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Administration	
Commissioners' Office	\$84,247
County Delegation Expense	2,168
Treasurer	635
County Attorney	46,303
Register of Deeds	58,277
Register of Probate	8,938
Sheriff's Department	86,406
Medical Referee	12,236
Maintenance of Court House	17,654
Armory	360
Superior Court	101,955
Public Welfare	399,520
Interest, Temporary Loans	32,352
Fire Mutual Aid	115,160
Radio Communications	9,065
Cheshire County Extension Service	55,920
C. C. Conservation District	2,500
Architect's Fees, Court House	48,093
<b>Total Commissioners' Office</b>	<b>\$1,081,789</b>
<b>Westmoreland Facilities</b>	
Nursing Home	\$1,268,366
Corrections Department	201,686
Care of Outside Prisoners	6,929
County Farm	131,050
<b>Total Westmoreland Facilities</b>	<b>\$1,608,031</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,689,820</b>

<b>Superior Court</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Salaries	\$20,761
Social Security Taxes	2,302
Jury Payrolls	26,657
State vs. Payrolls	10,501
Masters' Fees	6,480
Court Stenographers' Fees	27,316
Deputies' Fees for Court Attendance	706
Office Supplies	324
Communications and Postage	2,587
Printing, Binding and Books	2,396

Travel	701
Equipment Repairs	246
Insurance	814
New Equipment	164

Totals	\$101,955
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**Public Welfare**

Salaries	\$12,000
Social Security Taxes	702
New Hope-New Horizons, Inc.	45,000
Direct Aid	44,565
Old Age Assistance	7,754
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	21,491
Intermediate Nursing Care	146,356
Soldiers' Aid	9,151
Board and Care of Children	92,489
Monadnock Health and Welfare	5,000
Jaffrey-Rindge School District	2,914
Cheshire Senior Services	12,000
Travel	98

Totals	\$399,520
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**SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

## Description:

## Land and Buildings:

(a) Court House	\$300,000.00
(b) County Farm Buildings and Land	3,000,000.00
(c) Wood Lot	300.00
(d) Armory, Washington Street	110,000.00
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	\$3,410,300.00

**PUBLIC WELFARE**

1977	Direct Relief	Soldiers' Aid
Alstead	\$1,651 11	\$76 00
Chesterfield	645 14	
Dublin	33 00	
Fitzwilliam	1,067 69	
Gilsum	351 10	
Harrisville	30 00	
Hinsdale	3,425 30	103 00
Jaffrey	837 00	454 50
Keene	22,422 22	5,252 92
Marlborough	575 08	1,077 50



Marlow	48 00	76 00
Nelson	366 08	
Richmond	184 00	166 00
Rindge	285 00	
Roxbury		
Stoddard		
Sullivan	50 00	
Surry		
Swanzey	2,819 87	566 14
Troy	2,821 56	1,018 83
Walpole	1,421 88	201 00
Westmoreland		60 00
Winchester	4,162 35	1,117 04
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$43,196 38</b>	<b>10,168 93</b>

**RELIEF TO COUNTY CHARGES**

	Direct Relief	Dependent Soldiers	Brd. & Care of Children
1977			
January	\$3,604 33	\$1,809 42	\$9,474 78
February	3,605 02	1,567 86	9,068 90
March	6,104 55	638 90	9,345 54
April	3,361 93	1,082 67	9,051 75
May	3,123 41	1,059 21	8,459 71
June	3,541 83	1,204 70	7,935 38
July	3,598 04	486 50	7,514 63
August	3,459 56	1,175 32	7,905 54
September	2,707 18	359 05	7,516 18
October	2,367 59	265 80	4,883 82
November	3,196 52	73 00	4,778 88
December	4,526 42	446 50	7,115 10
	<b>\$43,196 38</b>	<b>\$10,168 93</b>	<b>\$93,050 21</b>

**REPORT OF THE FRED D. HEMINWAY TRUST FUND**

Balance, January 1, 1977 \$1 00

**Receipts**

Heminway Fund	\$4,972 00
Interest	190 00

Total Receipts	<u>5,162 00</u>
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Total Receipts and Balance	<u>\$5,163 00</u>
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**Disbursements**

New Hampshire Catholic Charities	\$2,730 00
Cedarcrest	1,200 00
Jeanne Ladeau	570 00
Dublin Christian Academy	230 00
Patricia Seymour	227 00
Marilyn Pozio	118 00
Guardianship Trust and Home Program	87 00

Total Disbursements	5,162 00
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Balance, December 31, 1977	\$1 00
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## REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Cheshire for the year ending December 31, 1977.

**REVENUE**

Alstead	\$24,047 94
Chesterfield	53,691 07
Dublin	37,145 48
Fitzwilliam	39,393 66
Gilsum	10,899 88
Harrisville	21,888 17
Hinsdale	66,422 33
Jaffrey	99,804 00
Keene	440,819 94
Marlboro	28,897 94
Marlow	10,773 58
Nelson	17,012 91
Richmond	11,821 89
Rindge	64,616 20
Roxbury	4,344 80
Stoddard	36,400 29
Sullivan	8,916 93
Surry	11,796 63
Swanzey	86,188 62
Troy	36,387 66

Walpole	73,242 64
Westmoreland	26,965 52
Winchester	51,543 92
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Taxes	\$1,263,022 00
Nursing Home	828,629 00
Farm	112,450 00
Board and Care Prisoners	260 00
Reimbursement for Aid:	
Board and Care Children	701 00
Old Age Assistance and Direct Aid	1,744 00
Dependent Soldiers	60 00
Sheriff's Department:	
Gas Tax Refund	132 00
Fees Collected	23,185 00
Register of Deeds	92,809 00
Miscellaneous	533 00
State Reimbursement, Bond	5,846 00
Fire Mutual Aid	23,996 00
Fines and Forfeits, Superior Court	2,172 00
Interest	69,038 00
State Reimbursement, Crime Control Grant	20,070 00
Federal Revenue Sharing	323,000 00
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Total	\$2,767,647 00
Fund Balance Used to Reduce 1977 Appropriation	145,979 00
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,913,626 00

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### REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVE

Balance, January 1, 1977	\$35,965 00
Interest	1,966 00
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Balance on hand	\$37,931 00

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN G. ALLEN,

Treasurer



## CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

	Total	Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Equipment Fund—New Nursing Home
Balance, January 1, 1977	\$44,133	\$8,168	\$35,965	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Proceeds from Sale of Old Equipment	8,214			\$8,214
Interest	2,489	446	1,966	77
Total Receipts	\$10,703	\$446	\$1,966	\$8,291
Balance, December 31, 1977*	\$54,836	\$8,614	\$37,931	\$8,291
*Deposited as Follows:				
Keene Savings Bank, Book Number 45882				\$2,482
Keene Savings Bank, Book Number 49342				44,063
Indian Head Bank of Keene, Book Number 01-051565-8				8,291
Total				\$54,836

**FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS**

Cash Balance, January 1, 1977		\$243,901
<b>Revenue</b>		
1977 Entitlements Received	\$119,967	
Interest	13,631	
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Total Revenue		133,598
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Total Funds Available		\$377,499
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Social Services for Aged and Poor	212,000	
Public Safety	111,000	
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Total Expenditures		323,000
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Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1977,		
Cheshire County Savings Bank Book Number 82937		\$54,499

## CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME AND MAPLEWOOD NURSING HOME

January 1978

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

As Nursing Home Administrator-Superintendent and Director of Nursing Services and Matron of Cheshire County Maplewood Nursing Home and Cheshire County House of Correction, Jail and Farm we herein submit our annual report.

This has been a very busy and exhausting year. Our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Abich left February 1st to move to Florida with her husband. We really missed her organizational abilities in preparing for our move to the new Nursing Home.

On July 6, 1978, we moved into our new Home with 68 patients. With the excellent cooperation of our entire staff and many volunteers, we accomplished the move in five hours. We feel this is a great compliment to our dedicated staff and especially to the department heads of all departments for their cooperation and many hours of planning and preparation.

Every resident of Cheshire County should be very proud of the fine building and excellent furnishings they have provided

for the care of the elderly. We will do our utmost to see that the care we give will match the excellence of the building.

Dr. Thomas O'Connor resigned as chief of our Medical Staff on October 31, 1977. We would like to express our thanks to him for his many years of service to Cheshire County.

Dr. William Tatem of Walpole is our new Chief of Staff assisted by Dr. Richard Sanctuary also of Walpole. We now have a doctor visiting our patients regularly five days a week and one is on call on weekends. We are very pleased with our doctors' coverage. At this time we would like to thank Dr. Tatem and Dr. Sanctuary for their wonderful cooperation in setting up our medical coverage and treatment program.

The farm operation again showed a small profit. Approximately \$30,000 worth of meat, vegetables and eggs were supplied to the institution, which added to the cash sales of milk and livestock (cattle and pigs) keeps the farm in the black.

The new exercise yard was built at the Jail and was used quite extensively.

As with any major change in operation, the implementing of the new Nursing Home has been a trying time for everyone. Many problems developed as we added more patients and staff. We expect to be at full capacity by July. Hopefully by the end of 1978 things will be pretty well ironed out and we will be back on smooth sailing.

Finally we want to thank all the people that make the County complex function. The County Commissioners, our dedicated County Maplewood Home Staff, the Commissioners' Office Staff, the County Attorneys, Sheriff's Department, Doctors and volunteers have all been a tremendous help.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET C. WATERMAN, R.N.  
Director of Nursing

CHARLES R. WATERMAN, N.H.A.  
Administrator-Superintendent



**FOOD INVENTORY — JANUARY 1, 1978**

Cooler	\$412 75
Freezer	6,781 53
Storeroom	6,217 20
Root Cellar	820 00
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	\$14,231 48

**PRODUCE USED FROM THE FARM****BEEF:**

15,778 Lbs. Dressed Beef	.90	\$14,200 20
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**PORK.**

5,551½ Lbs. Dressed Pork	.80	4,441 20
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**EGGS:**

7,228 Doz. Eggs	.70	5,059 60
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**FOWL:**

1,428 Lbs. Fowl	.52	742 56
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**VEGETABLES:**

Asparagus, 690 Lbs.	.75	517 50
Beans (String), 135½ Bu.	5.00	677 50
Beets, 28 Crates	3.50	98 00
Beet Greens, 44 Crates	4.50	198 00
Broccoli, 15¼ Crates	5.00	76 25
Cabbage, 1,134 Lbs.	.10	113 40
Carrots, 70½ Crates	5.00	352 50
Cauliflower, 16 Crates	5.00	80 00
Celery, 18 Crates	5.00	90 00
Corn, 1,760 Doz.	.60	1,056 00
Cucumbers, 21½ Crates	5.00	1,075 00
Eggplant, 4 Crates	6.00	24 00
Lettuce, 7½ Crates	5.00	37 50
Melons, 33 Crates	5.00	165 00
Onions, 43 Crates	4.00	162 00
Parsnips, 8 Crates	5.00	40 00
Peas, 18 Bu.	8.00	144 00
Peppers, 21 Crates	6.00	126 00
Potatoes, 350 Bu.	3.00	1,050 00
Radishes, 6½ Crates	2.50	16 25
Raspberries, 553 Qts.	1.00	553 00
Rhubarb, 685 Lbs.	.12	82 20
Spinach, 39 Crates	4.50	175 50

Squash (Summer), 455 Crates	3.00	1,365 00
Squash (Winter), 3,000 Lbs.	.05	150 00
Strawberries, 666 Qts.	.90	599 40
Swiss Chard, 421½ Crates	4.50	191 25
Tomatoes, 441½ Crates	4.00	178 00
Turnips, 28 Crates	3.00	84 00
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		\$33,920 81

### STOCK ON THE FARM — JANUARY 1, 1978

#### COWS:

- 68 Registered Holsten Cows and Heifers (2 years and over)
- 32 Registered Holstein Heifers (1 year and over)
- 13 Registered Holstein Heifers (over 6 months)
- 18 Registered Holstein Heifers (under 6 months)

#### HOGS:

- 7 Bred Sows
- 14 Bred Gilts
- 1 Boar
- 10 Feeders
- 21 Piglets

#### HENS:

- 300 Pullets
- 150 Old Hens

### INVENTORY OF MAPLEWOOD NURSING HOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Administration Building (contents only)	\$195,800 00
Nursing Home Building (contents only)	61,690 00
Groceries and Supplies	20,000 00
Truck, Tractor and Equipment	13,000 00
TV Cable	2,500 00

### INVENTORY OF CHESHIRE COUNTY FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1977

Livestock	\$60,000 00
Machinery	42,000 00
Hay, Grain & Ensilage	18,000 00
Lumber & Wood	6,000 00

**COUNTY OF CHESHIRE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MAPLEWOOD NURSING HOME  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>
State Welfare	\$752,835
Private	70,041
County	1,093
Miscellaneous	1,796
Medical Supplies	2,552
Resale Supplies	312
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$828,629</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Administrative	511,135
Dietary	138,636
Nursing	320,967
Plant Operations	145,065
Laundry and Linen	37,088
Housekeeping	39,334
Physicians and Pharmacy	38,098
Special Services	38,043
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,268,366</b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$(439,737)</b>

**NOTE**

Due to the opening of the new nursing home in July, 1977, and the corresponding estimate reimbursement rates used, there may be more reimbursement received in 1978 for 1977 that will further reduce the net deficit. However, a final rate has not been agreed upon at this time.

**MAPLEWOOD NURSING HOME  
DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Salary, Superintendent	\$18,825
Salary, Administrative Assistant	2,617
Salary, Other Administrative	24,826



Social Security Taxes	2,579
Continuing Education	1,574
Licenses and Dues	45
Postage	404
Office Supplies and Other Expense	2,282
Telephone	4,348
Travel, Other	169
Travel, Auto	1,258
Principal Payment, Bonds, New Nursing Home	150,000
Interest Payment, Bonds, New Nursing Home	293,040
Insurance, SMP	5,374
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	3,771
Surety Bonds	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$511,135</b>

**Dietary**

Salaries	\$69,571
Social Security Taxes	4,019
Supplies and Other Expense	5,587
Purchases, Food	57,824
Dietary Consultant	1,635
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$138,636</b>

**Nursing**

Salaries, Nursing Supervision	\$15,150
Salaries, Registered Nurses	78,598
Salaries, Licensed Practical Nurses	42,551
Salaries, Other Nursing Personnel	162,012
Social Security Taxes	17,792
Supplies and Other Expense	4,864
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$320,967</b>

**Plant Operations**

Salaries	\$56,853
Social Security Taxes	3,372
Supplies and Other Expense	3,105
Electricity	21,453
Gas	1,886
Fuel	40,929
Purchased Services	6,197
Maintenance and Repairs	11,195
New Equipment	75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$145,065</b>

**Laundry and Linen**

Salaries	\$32,819
Social Security Taxes	1,965
Supplies and Other Expense	1,699
Purchase of Linen	605

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Totals	\$37,088
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**Housekeeping**

Salaries	\$31,861
Social Security Taxes	1,905
Supplies and Other Expense	5,568

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Totals	\$39,334
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**Physicians and Pharmacy**

Salary, Physician	\$9,503
Salary, Pharmacist	4,428
Social Security Taxes	769
Purchases, Drugs	21,074
Purchased Services	2,324

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Totals	\$38,098
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**Special Services**

Miscellaneous Services for Residents	\$1,343
Salary, Recreational Therapy	23,636
Social Security Taxes	1,849
Contracted Services, Recreational Therapy	452
Salaries, Religion	700
Social Work Department	10,013
Social Security	50

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Totals	\$38,043
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**CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT****DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

	<b>Actual</b>
Salaries	\$72,574
Salary, Matron	114
Social Security Taxes	4,344
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	1,687
Doctor Fees	87
Medical Services	121

Supplies and Other Expense	433
Clothing	2,330
Cigarettes	1,596
Electricity	5,724
Fuel	6,378
Repairs and Maintenance	564
Principal Payments, Bonds	45,000
Interest Payment, Bonds	52,930
Insurance, SMP	789
Exercise Yard	6,799
Telephone	216
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Totals	\$201,686

**COUNTY FARM**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Milk	\$98,376
Livestock	12,821
Produce	611
Wood	320
Gas Tax Refund	259
Other	63
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Total Revenue	\$112,450
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Salaries	\$29,260
Social Security Taxes	1,823
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	873
Veterinary Fees and Medicine	2,206
Breeding, Testing, Registration	4,512
Supplies and Other Expense	1,811
Electricity	2,739
Heat	1,124
Gas, Oil, Grease	2,610
Seed, Fertilizer, Spray	9,766

Feed	50,599
Bedding	4,739
Repairs to Building	994
Repairs to Equipment	5,364
Taxes	5,527
Rent, Land and Machinery	600
Insurance, SMP	1,589
New Sawdust Shed	1,994
New Equipment	1,840
Purchase of Livestock	1,080
Total Expenditures	<hr/> \$131,050
NET LOSS	<hr/> \$(18,600)



## JAIL &amp; HOUSE OF CORRECTION — 1977

Name	Time Served			Name	Time Served		
	Age	Wk.	Day		Age	Wk.	Day
Abbott, Ralph E. Jr.	55	8	3	Brown, Neal Eugene	24	0	2
Abbott, Robert Wayne	22	0	1	Brown, Keith Alan	21	8	4
Alex, Alan	23	0	1	Buckley, Joseph	20	18	5
Alexa, John Girard	19	1	0	Burby, Martin E.	21	5	6
Amirault, Mark Joseph	20	4	5	Burnham, James William	49	0	1
Arno, Barbara Anne	18	0	4	Burnham,			
Arnold, Cecile Barbara	63	0	5	James William III	19	2	6
Arsenault,				Burrows, Thomas James	17	0	1
Christopher Joseph	15	0	1	Butler, Gerald A.	37	0	2
Ascani, Keith Alan	19	8	3	Carey, Angelie	17	0	1
Astle, Thomas Joseph	19	2	4	Carey, Michael Bruce	25	0	1
Augustinowicz,				Cehlar, Donna	16	0	5
Michael Felix	34	0	1	Centra, Paul	17	8	2
Avery, John Steven	37	0	1	Chaisson, Carl James	19	32	0
Bailey, Thomas Alan	17	26	6	Chalke, Charles Granville	26	0	1
Baker, Bruce Eliot	22	7	2	Chamberlain, Peter	26	0	3
Barlow, Randy E.	18	0	1	Christian, Keith Michael	23	7	3
Barnes, John Truman	33	0	1	Clark, Carol	19	0	2
Barrett, Richard Eugene	33	0	1	Class, Donald Charles	18	1	2
Barrett, Roger Lee	19	18	0	Clay, Lee Joseph	21	19	1
Barry, Daniel Richard	38	9	3	Columb, Richard David	47	0	2
Bates, Frank Merrill	25	0	1	Conboy, Emma Louise	36	0	1
Bauer, Robert Ross	28	2	0	Cone, Brenda Dawn	22	0	2
Bean, William Raynor	18	52	0	Converse, Clinton A.	50	48	6
Begley, Mark Neil	18	0	2	Coolidge, George H. Jr.	53	0	3
Benson, Steven	24	0	4	Corrado, George Lewis	20	1	1
Bent, Milton Fedmere	55	0	3	Cramer, Jeremiah Joseph	15	2	0
Benware, Everett Jr.	25	5	0	Crocker, Bradford	21	0	2
Benware, Hanford Dale	20	2	2	Cross, Graham	16	4	1
Berry, Ronald Kenneth	26	0	4	Curtis, Daniel Eaton Jr.	34	4	6
Beyrent, Peter Francis	27	0	2	Cylkowski, Terry Sears	22	1	4
Bills, Lyman Everett	39	0	4	Davis, Gary A.	26	0	2
Bischof, Joseph Edward	44	0	2	Davis, John Joseph	35	14	4
Bishta,				Dear, Glenn Haven	19	3	2
Sidney aka Zucha, Buddi	53	0	2	Dear, John	21	0	2
Black, Kerry Richard	19	0	1	Dearden, James Richard	22	4	4
Blackmere, Charles Allen	24	32	4	Decker, Robert Wayne	30	7	4
Blackmere,				Decker, Roger Elwood	40	1	0
William Thomas	25	0	3	Deem, Timothy J.	21	1	3
Blaine, Gregory James	19	2	2	Derosia, Wayne Everett	21	0	1
Blanchette, Diane Lynn	14	0	5	Deruisseau, Michael Ernest	16	1	4
Blanchette, Donna Marie	22	1	3	Desrosiers, Elizabeth Ann	16	0	4
Blood, Edwin Charles	33	0	2	Desrosiers,			
Bohannon, Lawrence Jr.	16	3	0	Marshall Rolland	27	0	5
Bonnell, William Patrick	37	0	2	Dessruisseau, Paul Leo	26	0	2
Bonnette, Michael D.	22	0	2	Devold, Howard John	29	1	0
Boobar, Reginald	21	0	5	Dion, Douglas Michael	21	9	5
Brayley, Diane Dora	22	0	2	Dodge, Walter	21	15	6
Brennan, Richard J.	28	8	4	Dominick, John Joseph	68	0	1
Brewer, Robert Gene	23	1	5	Donohue, Kathleen	21	1	1
Bridge, Robert James	17	0	1	Dorr, Walter James	17	22	0
Brittain, Thomas Glendon	22	0	1	Dralean, Donald Peter	39	0	4
Brown, Edwin Richard	46	2	4				

Name	Time Served			Name	Time Served		
	Age	Wk.	Day		Age	Wk.	Day
Dresser,				Hoague, Robert	39	1	2
Charles Christopher	17	30	3	Hollis, John	19	0	1
Duffy, Arthur David	45	0	2	Holmes, Lawrence	18	3	2
Dunham, Henry Russell	24	9	2	Howell, James Richard III	18	0	1
Dunton, Keith Edward	23	7	4	James, Michael William	18	6	3
Eaves, Timothy Clinton	23	29	5	Jantti, Emil John Jr.	24	0	2
Edding, Billie Ray	22	3	1	Jay, Russell Charles	16	4	5
Eddings, Roy	15	1	1	Jensen, Kenneth J.	21	18	3
Elsesser, Michael	24	0	1	Johnson, Robert Joseph	29	0	1
Everett, Ronald N. Jr.	18	3	2	Jones, Leo Francis	20	0	2
Fallu, Gerard Joseph	28	0	2	Jones, Michael Wayne	18	0	2
Field, Dennis John	19	4	2	Joslyn, Curry Charles	16	3	1
Fielders, Edward Clarence	34	0	3	Joslyn, David Russell	14	0	1
Files, Michael LeForest	19	0	2	Juniper, Lawrence Henry	18	0	4
Finch, Richard	57	2	0	Judd, Richard Russell	17	0	1
Fletcher, Stephen Lee	33	0	4	Karsten, James W.	19	45	6
Fleury, Kitty	15	0	2	Kathan, James Jay	18	5	5
Foote, Edward Renouf	55	5	3	Kerr, Edward	26	9	6
Forbus, Karen	14	2	1	Kirk, Lauchlan	27	8	5
Forcier, Homer Walter Jr.	49	0	1	Kirkland, Joseph Paul	27	0	1
Fournier,				Kirkwood, Keith	18	1	4
Kenneth Raymond	15	0	1	Knox, Randy John	19	19	3
Fox, Charles K.	31	0	2	Kulesza, David Michael	17	0	2
Frederick, Percy Arthur	17	0	3	LaBarge, Theresa	19	0	3
French, Daniel Leslie	20	2	6	L'Abbe, Rodney Robert Sr.	24	3	0
Gagne, William Edward	38	10	6	LaBrake, Richard W.	19	3	6
Galvin, George Raymond	18	2	2	Lancey, Susan	15	0	4
Gambill, John Floyd	29	1	1	LaCount, Gary Allen	21	0	2
Gavitt, Michael A.	32	0	2	Lang, Mark Joseph	30	0	2
Gebhart, George Reyes	18	0	6	LaPlante, Patricia	25	0	3
Gilman, Joseph Jr.	26	5	1	Latham, Fred Lincoln Jr.	22	15	1
Glidden, Dean Emery	19	1	0	Lawlor, Nancy Joan	36	0	2
Goodrich, James Edwin	26	3	0	Lawrence, Charles	21	3	4
Gourlay, Virgil Wayne	17	9	0	Leavitt, Joseph Lionel	25	0	4
Grant, Thomas Michael	18	0	2	LeBlanc, Gary John	20	18	2
Gray, Robert G. Jr.	31	9	3	LeBlanc, Robert	37	0	3
Green, Carl Wayne	22	0	2	Lee, Robert E. Jr.	32	0	1
Greenlaw,				Lee, Stanley Dale	29	0	1
Ronald Stephen Jr.	21	0	3	Lee, Victor J.	26	0	3
Greenleaf,				Lemieux, Benjamin	23	0	2
Grover Cleveland	27	0	2	Lemieux, Judy Elaine	21	0	1
Guy, Walter H.	27	0	3	Lemieux, Raymond L.	18	16	2
Hain, Bruce Willes	21	0	1	LePage, Harvey	17	10	4
Haley, Lewis	18	38	6	LeVasseur, Robert Lee Sr.	32	0	1
Hanrahan, Kevin Joseph	17	4	2	Lewis, James	30	6	0
Harper, Alfred John Jr.	18	16	4	Link, Cynthia	18	0	4
Harris, Frederick Alan	20	41	5	Locher, Francis L. III	22	0	1
Harris, Verne L.	43	0	3	Lopez, Juan Rose	23	0	2
Hartford, Tammy Hope	14	0	4	MacDonald, Scott Colin	23	0	2
Hayes, Kenneth Paul	26	10	1	MacKenzie,			
Healy, Glenn Warren	27	0	1	Scott Lawrence	17	0	3
Henderson, Terry Arthur	28	2	5	MacQuarrie, James	23	8	6
Hensley, Bobby Joe	40	2	4	Madsen, Warren Milton	46	1	6
Hersom, Shirley	17	0	1	Magown, John Arthur	39	0	2
Hicks, Dennis Paul	26	24	0	Maliska, Todd Joseph	16	21	6

Name	Age	Time Served Wk. Day	Name	Age	Time Served Wk. Day
Marion, Edward Emery	23	0 1	Piscottana, Donald	21	0 2
Martin, Peter Frederick	17	0 2	Ploppert, Kenneth James	30	7 4
Martineau, Michael Edward	23	2 1	Plourde, Gary Wayne Sr.	28	0 1
Major, William Michael	19	0 1	Porter, Frank Allen	34	1 1
Mason, John Francis	33	0 1	Prime, Albert Lee	17	21 5
McColleston, Colin	34	11 5	Quigley, Colin	20	0 1
McDonald, Mary Theresa	18	0 2	Rau, Klaus Walter	20	1 3
McGilvery, Kelley Layne	15	1 7	Rawson, Rick Allen	17	2 6
McKenzie, Richard Scott	19	0 4	Raymond, William Thomas	18	3 4
McNabola, Geoffrey Thomas	18	0 2	Renta, David John	24	0 1
Meachalla, Susan aka Kopacz, Mayva	46	0 2	Reynolds, Megan (n)	14	1 3
Meade, Michael	21	0 7	Robidoux, David Wayne	17	0 4
Merrill, Bruce Harry	27	1 3	Robinson, Gregory Grannels	35	0 1
Monahan, Terrance H.	20	0 3	Robinson Rodney Keith	42	0 2
Morin, Edward P. J.	18	0 2	Robinson, Timothy	18	0 3
Munroe, Bruce A.	29	1 4	Rogers, Harry Lawrence	25	30 5
Murphy, David Patrick	27	0 2	Rohrer, John Louis Sr.	29	5 6
Murphy, Joe Francis	36	0 2	Rollins, Robert Edward	16	0 3
Murphy, Richard Philip Jr.	24	0 2	Roughan, Timothy Clarence	49	0 5
Nadeau, Stephen S.	18	15 3	Rouleau, Freeman Edward	26	0 1
Nadeau, Wilfred	25	0 2	Rule, Richard F.	28	7 0
Nast, Patricia	19	0 1	Russ, Clifford	18	6 0
Nastasia, Lori	16	2 0	Russell, Daniel Roy	19	18 0
Nelson, Keith	14	0 4	Sanders, Hartley Ivan	34	0 5
Newell, Phillip Norman	22	0 1	Santaw, Roger Bruce Jr.	16	25 2
Niemela, Arnold	45	0 2	Sargent, Paul Robert	19	0 5
Noel, Milo Omar	38	7 5	Schreiner, Virgil	34	0 1
O'Brien, Thomas Patrick	18	0 2	Seavey, Craig E.	17	1 0
O'Brien, Richard Francis	53	1 5	Sheehan, Richard Henry	37	0 2
Oliver, Lawrence Jr.	29	0 2	Shepardson, Earl Roy	50	0 4
Oliver, Lawrence Sr.	53	0 2	Sherman, Steven Douglas	21	9 5
Oliver, Pauline	50	0 2	Simonds, Clarence	32	0 2
Olivo, Stephen G.	17	0 4	Simpson, Harold B.	18	22 0
Olmstead, Edward	21	0 3	Simpson, Jerry Earle	22	1 5
Orr, John Dean Jr.	28	0 1	Skrocki, Thomas Edward	17	0 2
Pahl, Dennis	21	6 4	Smith, Donald Joseph	40	3 6
Paquette, Denise Jean	20	0 1	Smith, Harry Kirk	34	1 1
Paquette, Mark Kirby	17	0 4	Smith, Linda	24	0 2
Parizo, Raymond Gregory	21	0 2	Smith, Melbourne Martin Jr.	32	0 1
Parris, Clark Douglas	19	0 2	Southwick, Bret Steven	19	0 3
Parris, Lester Lawrence	18	0 1	Souza, Jeffrey Dennis	29	0 2
Passeneau, Leo	18	1 0	Stinson, Rebecca Jean	16	0 4
Patria, Andrew Charles	20	4 0	Stroehlin, Richard Girard	29	11 6
Pease, Sandra Lou	27	0 1	Sweeney, Alfred J.	38	3 0
Pelkey, James Raymond	16	0 1	Sullivan, Michael John	25	30 5
Pelkey, Richard Edward Jr.	34	1 0	Sylvain, Douglas Wade	19	27 4
Penta, Edward Michael	26	0 2	Sylvain, Leonard Leo	21	1 5
Perham, Charles Allen	25	0 1	Tedford, Arnold	18	0 2
Perho, Henry David	21	16 5	Tenerowicz, Mary Martha	25	0 3
Perho, Matthew A.	22	23 4	Tewell, Thomas L.	19	3 3
Piluski, Leon Michael Jr.	19	0 2	Thursher, Patty	19	0 1

## CHESHIRE COUNTY REPORTS

Name	Time Served			Name	Time Served		
	Age	Wk.	Day		Age	Wk.	Day
Tinker, Ralph Edward	20	3	2	Wheeler, Charles Henry	23	0	1
Tommila, George Frederick	28	1	0	Whipple, Daley E.	62	0	1
Tousley, Todd Vernon	14	0	1	White, Vernon	18	8	5
Town, David	20	16	0	Whitney, James	19	0	3
Treat, Richard Paul	19	0	1	Wilbur, Rena Marie	25	0	2
Trott, Harold O.	37	3	0	Wilder, Matthew	57	0	2
Underwood, Kim Kenneth	21	3	5	Willey, Morris Elwood Jr.	23	24	1
Venne, Wayne Francis	21	2	6	Williams, Christopher Andrew	17	2	1
Vigue, Alfred A.	41	3	3	Wilson, Robert Stanley	27	0	2
Vincent, Michael W.	18	0	1	Winchester, Wendell Rodney	18	40	4
Vincent, Keith Michael	23	2	6	Wing, Johnathon Bruce	21	2	0
Wallace, William Robert	20	9	0	Yager, Stephen Carl	20	3	1
Warner, David Arnold Sr.	26	6	3	Zamitis, Clifford	18	0	1
Warner, Roy Lewis	18	4	2	Zokra, Madiamtia			
Watson, George Howard	19	6	3	aka Diabba, Mechella	19	0	2
Weeks, Randy Alan	23	1	6	Zarr, Randy Richard	21	0	1
Wescott, Elton W.	42	0	2				
Wesley, Richard Paul	21	0	1				



# REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CHESHIRE, SS SUPERIOR COURT

## JANUARY TERM 1977

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		\$11,845 45
To Charges to County		
Return of 71 divorces		46 15
Mittimi		203 00
Capii		105 00
Entry fee 60 State cases		480 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals		238 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity		20 00
Due County as per Form A		147 49

### By credits:

Fines received	\$2,719 00
Sale of Rules of Court	20 00
1 Civil Entry @ \$8.00	8 00
4 Civil Entries @ \$10.00	40 00
3 Civil Entries @ \$19.00	57 00
1 Civil Entry @ \$20.00	20 00
4 Equity Entries @ \$20.00	80 00
1 Equity Entry @ \$12.00	12 00
1 Sessions Entry @ \$10.00	10 00
179 Entries @ \$14.00	2,506 00
49 Civil #16648-16705	
128 Equity #13230-13382 (No enry fee on reciprocals and actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity)	
2 Sessions #645-646	
32 Appeals @ \$8.00	256 00
Items chargeable to County	1,092 15
Other fees for benefit of County	106 30
Miscellaneous credits	1,394 22



6 Sessions #647-655 & 657	
45 Appeals @ \$8.00	360 00
Items chargeable to County	2,127 55
Other fees for benefit of County	348 60
Miscellaneous credits	2,258 12

## Drawn on County Treasurer:

April 30, 1977	\$1,739 74	
May 31, 1977	266 79	
June 30, 1977	1,997 98	
July 31, 1977		
August 31, 1977	2,432 38	6,436 89
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	\$24,756 16	\$24,756 16

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through August 31, 1977.

/s/ JOHN W. KING

September 10, 1977.

Presiding Justice

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CHESHIRE, SS SUPERIOR COURT

**SEPTEMBER TERM 1977**

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		\$18,015 47
To Charges to County		
Return of 99 divorces		64 35
Mittimi		161 00
Capii		364 00
Entry fee 14 State cases		112 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals		631 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity		76 00
To Cash paid out		
Postage		11 00
By credits:		
Costs received	\$39 75	
Fines received	1,990 00	
Bail forfeited	2,700 00	
Sale of Rules of Court	35 00	

3 Civil Entries @ \$8.00	24 00
8 Civil Entries @ \$10.00	80 00
2 Equity Entries @ \$12.00	24 00
1 Sessions Entry @ \$10.00	10 00
255 Entries @ \$14.00	3,571 00
93 Civil #16808-16900	
154 Equity #13698-13902 (No entry fee on reciprocal and actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity)	
8 Sessions #658-665	
71 Appeals @ \$8.00	568 00
Other fees for benefit of County	149 80
Items chargeable to County	1,408 35
Miscellaneous credits	393 74

Drawn on County Treasurer:

September 30, 1977	\$2,953 35	
October 31, 1977	1,764 37	
November 30, 1977	1,472 48	
December 31, 1977	2,250 98	8,441 18

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\$19,434 82    \$19,434 82

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through December 31, 1977.

/s/ MARTIN F. LOUGHLIN

January 5, 1978.

Presiding Justice

## REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR 1977

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Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-seven was a busy year for the office of the County Attorney. Both myself and the Assistant County Attorney were very active with the prosecution of criminal cases in Court throughout the year. One Hundred eighty-five (185) cases were assigned for trial in the Superior Court during the January, April, and September terms. Out of One Hundred sixty-four (164) jury cases scheduled for the entire year, One Hundred forty-three (143) of these cases were criminal cases. Approximately 98% of these cases were processed and disposed of throughout the year. In addition, approximately Two Hundred fifty-one (251) indictments were brought against ninety-four (94) individuals, all charging



serious felonies. Presentation of these indictments took a total of six (6) court days.

Additional cases were assigned for various hearings throughout the three terms. Special hearings on motions to suppress, bail hearings, and other preliminary hearings. This was in addition to six (6) days set for hearings on violations and pleas and for arraignment of other criminal cases.

Both myself and the Assistant County Attorney handled numerous other minor cases in the Keene District Court, Jaffrey District Court and Hinsdale Municipal Court. The majority of the District Court cases were handled by the Assistant County Attorney.

Our office also rendered assistance to the Sheriff's Department, New Hampshire State Police and local police departments with regard to the investigations of various matters by them. Both myself and the Assistant County Attorney participated in police training seminars given for Law Enforcement Officers in this area.

The office of the County Attorney is also responsible for the handling of non-support petitions filed pursuant to the Uniform Interstate Law for Support. Approximately One Hundred (100) petitions were prepared and filed by our office to secure support for residents in Cheshire County that were being assisted by various welfare departments. We also appeared in the Superior Court in approximately ninety (90) cases where support was requested by individuals in other states against residents of Cheshire County.

In addition to the foregoing, the office of the County Attorney is responsible for advising the various county department heads and offices with respect to administrative matters and the rendering of opinions for legal questions raised. Such matters include questions involving the construction of the County jail and contracts relating thereto, advice and opinions concerning the construction of a new Court House and addition to the old Court House with land acquisition problems.

As can be seen by the above workload, the time has now come to establish the office of County Attorney as a full-time position. The County Delegation has been considering such a move, and it is recommended that such action be taken, as soon as it is politically and practically expedient.

Although it has been a busy year it has not been without its rewards, and I wish to again express my sincere apprecia-

tion for all of the cooperation and assistance given to my office by the offices of the County, the Sheriff's Office and the New Hampshire State Police and the local police departments within the County.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. O'BRIEN

County Attorney

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Citizens of Cheshire County:

As Sheriff of Cheshire County, I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1977.

As a newly elected Sheriff, and with a new group of deputies, I was very pleased with the cooperation offered by the State Police and the local police. A constant effort is being expended in attempting to successfully handle each individual case as it is presented.

I would especially wish to thank the many citizens for the assistance they have offered to this department throughout the year. In 1978 this department will continue to strive for a better civil and criminal department.

Following is a summary of cases investigated, arrests made, etc., during 1977.

### Investigations

Arson	2
Assault	5
Attempted Burglary	4
Attempted Suicide	1
Bomb Threat	1
Burglary	71
Criminal Mischief	17
Criminal Threatening	1
Delivery of Prohibited Articles	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
Domestic	2
Endangering Welfare of Child	1
Escape from House of Correction and Jail	8

Fire Alarm		1
Found Stolen Property		1
Harassment		5
Infraction of Regulations		1
Issuing Bad Checks		24
Lost or Stolen Gun		1
Missing Person		1
Neglect of Elderly Person		1
Possession Stolen Property		2
Sale of Controlled Drugs		1
Sexual Assault		7
Sexual Molestation		1
Shooting Dog		1
Suspected Arson		3
Suspected Incest		2
Suspected Theft		1
Suspicious Vehicle		1
Theft		26
Untimely		
Auto-Pedestrian Accident	2	
Drowning	8	
Exposure	1	
Fire	3	
Motor Vehicle Accident	8	
Natural Causes	25	
Suicide	3	
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Burglar Alarms Received		36
Juvenile Respondents		18
Minors to Youth Development Center		3
Patients to New Hampshire Hospital		23
Prisoners Transported for Other Departments		184
Prisoners Transported for own Department		134
Arrests		
Arson		1
Assault		1
Attempted Burglary		4
Attempted Theft		1
Bench Warrant		1
Burglary		25
Capias		
Burglary	4	
Default	1	
Escape	1	
For Other Counties	2	

Forgery	1
Illegal Sale Controlled Drugs	3
Non Support	34
Robbery	1
Theft	1
Violation Court Order	13
Violation Probation	10
Violation Restraining Order	1
Welfare Fraud	1
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	73
Concealment of Merchandise	1
Conspiracy to Commit Arson	1
Criminal Mischief	9
Disorderly Conduct	3
Dispensing Controlled Drugs	4
Escape	3
Failure to Pay Taxes	3
Forgery	3
Fugitive From Justice	4
Governor's Warrant	1
Hindering Apprehension	1
Intoxication	1
Issuing Bad Check	9
Mittimus	5
Possession Controlled Drugs	1
Possession Stolen Property	2
Receiving Stolen Property	2
Resisting Arrest	1
Robbery	1
Sexual Assault	4
Tampering With Witness	1
Theft	7
Traffic Violations	7
Unemployment Violations	75

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH N. LYSITT,  
Sheriff



**CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND FUND  
NEW NURSING HOME  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE,  
EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

**Revenue**

Proceeds of Issue of 7.20% Thirty-Year	
Public Improvement Bonds	\$4,223,000
Premium Received on Above Issue	8,024
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Total Revenue	\$4,231,024

**Expenditures**

Contractor	\$3,349,504
Architect	242,555
Well and Pump	29,957
Furnishings	328,738
Bond Issue Costs	14,610
Fuel Oil	10,449
Engineering	1,196
Insurance	1,111
Hydrant	695
Advertising	316
Miscellaneous	3,777
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Total Expenditures	3,982,908

Unexpended Fund Balance, December 31, 1977	<hr/> \$248,116
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**NOTE, As Per RSA 32:3-a**

"Use of Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of any sale of bonds or notes shall be used only for the purposes for which the loan was incurred except as otherwise authorized by this section, provided however that any premium received shall not be used to increase the amount to be spent for the purpose for which the loan was originally incurred. If after notes or bonds have been issued and no expenditure of the proceeds has been made for the purpose or purposes for which the debt was incurred, or if a balance remains after the completion of the project or projects for which the debt was authorized, a county by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the county convention may authorize the expenditure of the sum or sums on hand, including any premiums received, for any purpose or purposes for which bonds or serial notes may be issued for an equal or

longer period of time at any time which said sum or any portion thereof remains available; provided however that if the sum obtained by issuance of bonds or notes, as aforesaid, or any balance thereof, including any premium, is not appropriated as aforesaid, then the same shall be used to pay the principal of the loan as it matures."

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE CHESHIRE COUNTY OFFICE**

The NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE is organized as a division of the University of New Hampshire in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture.

The Extension Service has the responsibility for conducting all educational work in the fields of agriculture and home economics and subjects related thereto as authorized by the Smith-Lever Act as amended and other Acts supporting Cooperative Extension work.

Through the Cheshire County Office, informal educational programs are offered to help people help themselves. Such programs are offered in environmental quality, quality of personal and family living problems and potentials of our senior citizens, management and use of our natural resources, wise spending of the consumer dollar, production, processing, marketing and distribution of agricultural products, youth development through 4-H and nutrition education.

Cheshire County Cooperative Extension is guided by county people in establishing program priorities. Advisory Councils made up of county residents work in each major program area in order to assure that programs meet the needs of county residents.

The Cheshire County Office is staffed by five county agents — a Home Economist, an Agricultural Agent, two 4-H Youth Development Agents and a County Forester. We are also able to call upon several area and program specialists to assist in many county programs.

Extension presents information to the public through educational workshops and courses, radio shows, newspaper articles, 4-H Youth Clubs, Home Economics Extension Groups, personal visits to farmers and woodland owners, field tours, newsletters and bulletins.

Cheshire County programs are available to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, sex, ethnic background or economic status.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

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1977

### Extension Service Personnel:

Bruce A. Clement, County Agricultural Agent  
 Shirley M. Kendall, Extension Home Economist  
 Judith E. Farrey, 4-H Youth Development Agent  
 Lauren L. Bressett, 4-H Program Assistant  
 John R. Ferguson, Jr., County Forester  
 Office Clerks: Beatrice A. Griswold  
                   Elva L. Frazier  
                   Linda M. Brault (part-time)

### Extension Service Advisory Council:

Calvin Frink, Surry, Chairman  
 Ralph Hoyt, Rindge, Vice-Chairman  
 John Bradeen, Keene, Secretary  
 Allan Plumb, Marlow, Treasurer  
 Freeland Yardley, Walpole  
 Elaine Burroughs, Alstead  
 Cornelia Jenness, Spofford  
 Alma Goodnow, East Sullivan  
 Maureen Bigelow, Surry  
 John Tommila, Fitzwilliam  
 R. Bruce Smith, Alstead  
 Sheldon Sawyer, Walpole  
 Joan Terry, Keene

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### Combined Total Fiscal Summary 1977:

County	\$58,290 96
State and Federal	38,433 00
	\$96,723 96

### County Budget Summary 1977:

Balance on hand January 1, 1977	\$2,370 96
Appropriation 1977	55,920 00
Supplies, Equipment & Travel Reimbursement	213 13
Asst. Forester's Salary Reimbursement	237 11

Supplies and Bulletins Sold	88 00
Total County Funds	\$58,829 20
Funds Expended	55,521 01
Balance on hand January 1, 1978	\$3,308 19
<b>Breakdown of 1977 Expenditures:</b>	
Agents' Salaries	\$19,155 31
Clerks' Salaries	15,945 48
Summer Work Study	
Social Security	943 08
Workmen's Compensation	30 00
Office Supplies & Printing	1,883 95
Subscriptions	222 70
Postage	72 10
Telephone	2,569 34
Travel (Agents)	6,146 95
Equipment Repair	110 30
Rent	7,630 00
New Equipment	722 83
Miscellaneous	88 97
Total Expenditures	\$55,521 01

## FIRE MUTUAL AID

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, Members of the County Delegation and Voters of Cheshire County.

It is a pleasure to submit to you the Annual Report for 1977:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Insurance Services Office report that over 12,000 persons died from fire and some 300,000 plus were injured in 1977 with an estimated property loss of 3.75 billions, an increase of 193 million or 5.4% over the 1976 total. The United States leads all other industrialized nations in fire deaths, injuries, property damage and economic costs resulting from fire.

During 1977 a total of 1,844 fires were reported to our centralized Dispatch Center. Two of these reached major proportions, Main Street, Bellows Falls and Patriot Industries, Winchendon. All other fires were held to minimum losses although many had the potential. These were held to low losses because of the prompt response, exceptional degree of coopera-



tion, and a willingness to assist their neighbors that is demonstrated by the member Fire Departments of SWNH Fire Mutual Aid.

Assistance was requested for 251 of the 1,844 fires reported. 543 town and member departments responded to the request from the Dispatch Center and furnished 658 fire trucks to assist at the fire scene plus 185 trucks to fill in at emptied stations.

Cooperation is also great between our members and bordering towns. In 17 instances we sent our member departments to the aid of border towns and in 18 instances our dispatchers requested assistance from border towns to help our members. The fire at the Hinsdale Paper Storage Warehouse had seven border towns and the Patriot Industries fire had eight border towns in addition to our members. In no case did these towns bill for equipment or manpower as in the old days.

Ambulance calls increased from 931 in 1976 to 1,787 in 1977; chimney fires from 287 in 1976 to 347 in 1977. Most of this increase is due to the increased use of wood because of the high cost of fuel oil. However, although the wood stove was often blamed for the fire it was usually the installation and/or lack of knowledge in burning wood which was to blame rather than the wood stove.

Following is a complete breakdown of the calls in 1977:

Brush	291
Dumps	59
Vehicles	215
Chimney	347
Electrical	80
Appliances	67
Street Boxes	95
Sprinkler	41
Oil Burners	30
Mobile Homes	22
Structural Fires	219
Smoke Investigation	175
False Alarms	96
Mutual Aid	251
Wash Gas	107
Ambulance	1,787
Resuscitator	60
EMT'S — Special Call	131
Rescue	253
Car Accidents	439

The Dispatch Center received 7,572 police complaints which required the response by a Police Officer.

An estimated 125,000 telephone calls of all nature were received.

We have nine two-way radio transmitters. The four busiest have automatic counters. Each time a transmission is made the counter records it. During 1977 the County Police transmitter had 230,484 transmissions, Fire 157,273, and Ambulance 34,518.

In the field of Communications many things were accomplished. On April 29 bids were opened to purchase a 10 channel recorder for the Dispatch Center. This recorder, on a single tape, will record simultaneously 10 telephone and/or radio conversations, and it is possible to retrieve for playback any one conversation or any combination in the event we would like to listen to all aspects of the incident from the original call through all actions taken on phone or radio in regard to the incident or complaint. Also included in the package were two separate ("call checks") which provide the ability for the dispatcher to "play back" the last phone call immediately. Total cost was \$12,179.00. Crime Commission funded 80% of the total on a 95/5 basis.

A new Radio Tone encoder was installed on July 22. This is a radio device which is used to alert the member firemen by radio and to page the police and ambulance people when needed. The police will be carrying pocket receivers and we will also be able to sound the horn or turn on the emergency lights on the cruisers to gain their attention when out of their vehicle for traffic duty or perhaps house or business building checks. Total cost of \$1,150.00 was also funded by the Crime Commission on a 95/5 basis.

We have been utilizing our old Fire Base Station as an emergency station on line at Hyland Hill. As both the primary and auxiliary bases were controlled by leased telephone lines contained in the same cable it would be possible, in the event of a cable loss, to lose all communication ability so we moved the standby to an antenna site in Gilsum.

With some 380 radios in Fire Units it is very conceivable that if two major fires erupted at the same time the channel would be jammed to almost a useless condition. To help this situation, should it happen, we converted our old Repeater Unit to Base Station use and are adding a second radio channel to our system which will be used as a "fire ground" channel should the above condition exist.

To provide added back-up facilities we converted the old Low Band Sheriff Base Station which is no longer in use to our low band fire frequency and installed it at the Dispatch Center using an antenna already available at the Center. Total cost \$38.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHIEF ROBERT CALLAHAN

**FIRE MUTUAL AID STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS,  
DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

Balance, January 1, 1977		\$1,376
<b>Receipts</b>		
Cheshire County		115,160
Total Receipts and Balance		<hr/> \$116,536
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$100,728	
Transfer to Crime Commission		
Account	2,076	
Repairs	263	
Vehicle Rental	1,428	
Auto Expenses	727	
Office Supplies	605	
State Retirement	7,310	
Administrative Public Relations	104	
Sick Coverage	127	
Clerical Wages	687	
Insurance	258	
Vacations	1,296	
Uniforms	476	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	62	
Total Disbursements		<hr/> 116,147
Balance, December 31, 1977, Keene National Bank		<hr/> \$389

## CHESHIRE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

This past year the Cheshire County Conservation District has been fortunate to be able to keep their expense level a favorable amount below their income level principally because of increased assistance from the Soil Conservation Service in the form of hours per week paid to the District Manager. The picture for 1977 does not appear to be quite as rosy because of a cut in the allocation of funds to the Soil Conservation Service in New Hampshire. However, the District Supervisors feel that with good management we can get along with \$1,000.00 less this year than last and are therefore requesting only \$2,500.00 this year from the County.

1977 Estimated Expenses	\$7,456.25
1977 Estimated Income	4,895.00
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	-\$2,561.25
Requested of County	\$2,500.00

In order to keep you informed of the activities of the District during the past year, we offer the following brief resume.

Soils overlays of properties (mostly subdivisions) ranging in size from 1 acre to 375 acres to be used by land owners and planning boards to make wise land use decisions. . . 35

Requests for soils information to accompany plans for septic systems or subdivisions submitted to the Water Supply & Pollution Control Commission serviced through September 30th. . . . 262

1,561 services of technical assistance to individuals were provided through the District last year, and a total of 165 District Cooperators installed various conservation practices.

The following structures were approved by the Conservation District and installed in the County using Soil Conservation Service specifications:

- Ponds — 6
- Streambank Protection — 850'
- Sprinkler Irrigation — 700'
- Land Smoothing — 8 acres
- Access Roads — 5,300'
- Recreation Trails — 1,000'
- Subsurface Drainage — 1,570'

Some of the other activities of Cheshire County Conservation District Cooperators which were planned for this past



year by the Soil Conservation Service staff at the request of the District were . . . .

- 1,467 acres to be managed for wildlife
- 196 acres of pasture and hayland management
- 2,604 additional acres were determined to be adequately protected from erosion

210 technical services to 88 units of government such as planning boards, conservation commissions, boards of selectmen, etc. were provided during the year.

The District is sponsoring assistance to the town of Marlborough for a flood hazard analysis of the Minniwawa Brook to better predict and plan to minimize future flood damage.

Soils mapping of the town of Sullivan has been completed and hopefully by the end of this year the town of Jaffrey will also be completed. Field mapping will be completed for the towns of Marlow and Surry by next fall with the start of mapping of the town of Swanzey scheduled after completion of these two towns.

The Dept. of Agriculture has laid great stress on the importance of increased production of food and fiber. The District also placed this program in a priority position. To assist in accomplishing this goal 27 conservation plans and revisions were made this year for Cheshire County Conservation District Cooperators.

947 people received 1,561 services through the District office during the past fiscal year. These figures do not include students from elementary school level through college who received various educational aids; including field trips, classroom lectures and slide shows plus conservation cartoon booklets distributed primarily to 6th graders. The District also sponsored Kevin Sullivan of Keene to a week at Spruce Pond Conservation Camp.

An average day at the District office sees 5 people walk in, 10 telephone inquiries and 1-2 requests for information by mail. An attempt was made to make an exact count of these numbers but keeping the list took time away from servicing the requests so the project was abandoned.

The Cheshire County Conservation District has become one of the most active Districts in the State. Our sights are set on even greater service in 1977 and we hope you will aid us by granting us the \$2,500 we are requesting.

Sincerely,

SANDRA W. SWIFT  
District Manager

**BUDGET FOR 1977**

Estimated Expenses of the District		Proposed Allocation of County Funds	
Description	Amount	County line item Account #	Amount
Salary	\$4,132 50	8400.00	\$2,320 00
Social Security	241 75	.10	135 00
Workman's Comp.	35 00	.14	35 00
Bonding Insurance	10 00	.94	10 00
Office Supplies	125 00		
Dues	400 00		
Postage	125 00		
Annual Report	97 00		
Annual Meeting	50 00		
Equipment Repair & Replacement	200 00		
Soils Reports	800 00		
Cartoon Booklets	160 00		
Conservation Mix	410 00		
Conservation Camp	70 00		
Contingency Fund	500 00		
Expense Account	100 00		
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	\$7,456 25		\$2,500 00

**Estimated Income for 1977**

Fees for Services	\$2,100 00
Town Soil Reports	2,000 00
Sale of Conservation Mix	470 00
Interest on Savings	75 00
State Funds	250 00
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	\$4,895 00
County Funds	2,500 00
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	\$7,395 00

**GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977**

**ASSETS**

**Amount Required to be Raised in the Future for  
Retirement of Debt**

Public Improvement (Jail and Sewage Treatment Plant) Bond	\$745,000
County Nursing Home	3,920,000
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TOTAL ASSETS, Total Amount Required  
to be Raised in the Future for  
Retirement of Debt \$4,665,000

**LIABILITIES****Bonds Payable**

6.70% Public Improvement (Jail and Sewage  
Treatment Plant) Bonds Payable \$745,000  
7.20% County Nursing Home 3,920,000

TOTAL LIABILITIES,  
Total Bonds Payable \$4,665,000

**1978 Long-Term Debt**

Payments	Total	Principal	Interest
6.70% Public Improvement and Sewage Treatment Plant)	\$94,915	\$45,000	\$49,915
7.20% County Nursing Home	432,240	150,000	282,240
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$527,155</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>	<b>\$332,155</b>

**PLANT FUND****BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977****ASSETS****Property, Plant and Equipment**

Jail and Corrections Facility	\$815,799
Sewage Treatment Plant	283,078
Construction in Process	3,971,793
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>\$5,070,670</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS AND FUND BALANCE****Contributions**

Cheshire County	\$893,451
In Aid to Construction	205,426
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,098,877</b>

<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>3,971,793</b>
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<b>Total Contributions and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$5,070,670</b>
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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the County of Cheshire, New Hampshire conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental unit. The following is a summary of the significant policies.

#### Bases of Accounting

The accrual basis of accounting is followed (with minor exceptions) by all funds other than budgetary funds (general, special funds, and debt service funds), which utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting.

#### Inventories

Inventory held by the Maplewood Nursing Home is priced at cost. All other funds do not recognize inventories which are expensed as purchased.

#### General Fixed Assets

General Fixed Assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the general fund, capital projects bond fund, etc., at time of purchase. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

#### Pension Funds

Retirement funds for the benefit of employees are provided through the New Hampshire Retirement System.

### 2. Leases

The county uses certain equipment and automobiles under lease agreements expiring at various dates during the next several years. County management expects that in the course of business, leases that expire will be renewed or replaced by other leases.

### 3. New Nursing Home

The county completed construction of a 150 bed intermediate care nursing home in the town of Westmoreland in 1977 and occupied same on July 6, 1977. The cost of construction and equipping same was made from the proceeds of a \$4,223,000, thirty year bond issue.

### 4. Proposed New Court House

The county has been authorized to borrow, but has not issued, bonds not to exceed \$2,600,000 for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Superior Court House, including facilities for the Clerk of Courts and Sheriff's Department in the City of Keene on the so-called Bell and Bloomer properties, and to renovate the present County Court House to provide facilities for the Probate Court, Register of Probate, Register of Deeds, Assistant County Attorney, County Welfare, Commissioners and Probation Department. Architectural services were engaged on January 27, 1978, for this project.





